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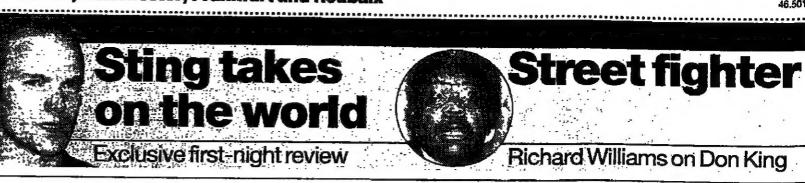
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Hamilton had six gun permits and was known to the police and politicians after pervert allegations Who licensed him to kill

## Massacre details being held back by inquiry rules

## Sarah Boseley and Michael White

HOMAS Hamilton, the disgraced scout leader who shot dead 16

small children and their teacher on Wednesday, held firearms certificates for two rifles as well as the four handguns found amid the bodies when

the slaughter in the primary school gym finally stopped, it emerged yesterday. As a senior Scottish judge was appointed to head an inquiry encompassing every-thing from school security to tighter firearms controls, the Scottish Secretary, Michael Forsyth, revealed that Hamil-

ton was first granted a gun licence in 1977. At the time of the Doublane massacre, which ended when Hamilton turned a weapon on himself, he was authorised to keep two .357mm revolvers and two 9mm pistols, believed to be the weapons recovered at the scene of the shooting. He was also allowed to keep a 7.6mm rifle and a .22mm rifle. but he was not thought to own either at that time.

licence for the weapon. The three children most seriously injured in the shoot-ing are still critically ill in Glasgow's Yorkhill hospital. One boy, who was shot three three, went through emertimes, went through emer-gency surgery yesterday and is on a ventilator.

Another boy, aged five, has multiple wounds and is ex-pected to be operated on later today. The third child, a girl, has a fractured thigh bone. Two children who spent the night in Falkirk hospital were allowed home, while five at the Stirling Royal Infirmary, together with two teachers,

were making good progress. The headmaster of Dun-blane primary school de-scribed yesterday for the first time how he ran to the school gym to find a scene of car-nage. Ron Taylor, aged 45, who was first at the scene of the killings, voiced the shock and disbelief of the small Scottish town: "Evil visited us. We don't know why, we don't understand it, and I guess we never will. "We tried to identify thos

who were still alive and those whose wounds could be treated. We did what we could. We tried to stop the The children wer



## And there unclaimed hang the anoraks

Evan Ferguson was one of a small group of journalists allowed inside Dunblane pri-mary school yesterday. This is

HE images are there for us, as we knew they would be. The small row of uncollected anoraks, quilted purples and pinks, hanging forever in the children's cloakroom. Three small bikes left in the shed. Paper snowflakes, cut out with tongue-between-theteeth care, plaster the windows. In one classroom, by the main entrance, a row of cheerful paper skeletons dangles and we count furi-ously to see how many there are. But it's the smaller, more

telling images that cut so deep. The bullet holes are photographed, but note the position of one of them: 10 feet high, crazing a quar-ter-light window at the top of the wall bars that line the gymnasium, when the other three shots have pep-pered windows at waist-high level, windows now blocked and hung with sad, mented by the inevitable Portacabins of all our yes-terdays, you try to force yourself towards the killer's perspective; what was he thinking *here*, what he was be feeling as he walked over *this* spot: and one thing he must have felt is

too big. The days when the play grounds were vast, the cor-ridors yawning, have long fied, and a primary school is seen for what it is; a place for the small, where adults can cross the asphalt in short seconds, pace through rooms in a flash, and where Thomas Hamilton could out-pace his victims, stroll from first bullet to last, in a little

over two minutes. For the chosen dozen, desperate to get in, it is a relief to get out. This may have been the last visit; plans are already underway to demolish the gymnasium, if not the whole school, and build a memorial to the children of Dunblane

Left behind, apart from the curtains and the scene-of-crime tape, there are only 10 tiny signs of the carnage; those seven holes, plus another three in the window of a Portacabin near the gym.

Here be came, after lining up the doomed in the gym and opening fire. He stormed out of the main building's fire exit towards a terrified P7 class that had watched, frozen, from their cabin across the yard, and opened up as they leapt bew their desi

DIGOCI. how this man could possibly clear the hurdle required under the Firearms Act 1968, traumatised and the ones in-jured were still conscious and very distressed." At Westminster, after a which states that police must be convinced an applicant is Prime Minister's question not "of intemperate names of unsound mind or ... for any reason unfitted to be en-trusted with a firearm", an interpretation of Lord Cul-the appointment of Lord Cult time entirely given over to ex-pressions of sorrow and disthinking was provided by the arrival at television stations gation into the Piper Alpha disaster, to head the Dunand newspapers of letters he had written to the Queen, the blane inquiry, which will be

tactics'

beld in public. Scottish Secretary and others. Copies of the seven letters, posted the day before the kill-ings, revealed Hamilton's ob-session with clearing his Calls for further restric tions on gun ownership were muted, due to the atmosphere of mourning in the Commons but signalled the likely pres name of the taint of sexual sures to come.

sures to come. Sir David Steel, the former Liberal leader, asked Mr Major if further steps to prevent "the madness of yesterday" could not be taken by adopting Fire-arms Consultative Committee proposals. These include perversion. Writing to Mr Forsyth, he accused "overzealous police officers from Central Scotland Police, ob-sessed with child abuse, [of] carrying out their failed per-vert hunt using unfair tighter controls on gun clubs and the introduction of the

In his letter to the Queen In his letter to the Queen written a week ago, he ac-cuses the Scottish Scout Association of passing on the information "that I was a per-vert" to the public in an underhand manner. "Over the past 20 years of youth work, this has caused me un-told damage including Coun-"good character" test when granting gun licences. Some MPs are expected to demand that legally-held guns should not be kept at home where they are always acces-

sible and easily stolen. In an unusual gesture, John work, this has caused me in-told damage including Coun-cil, Police and Social Work in-vestigations." In a further letter, he accuses a Scout offi-cial of trying to influence the Dunblane Rifle Club Commit-tee to stop his boys' group using its rifle range Major and Tony Blair, accom-panied by Mr Forsyth and his Labour shadow. George Labour shadow, George Robertson — both local men who knew Thomas Hamilton — will visit Dunblane together this morning. The Queen and Princess Royal will make the journey on Monday. MPs listened in a rare Com-mons silence that lasted an how as the Prime Minister

In what now seems a dread-ful hint of what was to come, he reveals his suspicions of mons silence that lasted an hour as the Prime Minister spoke of "the almost unimag-inable horror" of what had happened and the Labour leader — evidently emotional — asked: "How many parents last night will have clutched their own children to them Dunblane primary school. Writing to the education convenor of Central regional council in January, he says: "At Dunblane primary school where teachers have contami nated all of the older boys with this poison, even former clean-ers and dinner ladies have been told by teachers at school their own children to them, and imagining the pain which for others is all too real."

Some details of the murders that I am a pervert." It also emerged that one mother went to police in 1989 were being witheld by Scot-tish police on the grounds that the matter is sub-judice. with accusations about Hamilton's sexual activities dur-Police practice in Scotland, ing a summer camp her son had attended. Later, she says, Hamilton threatened her with where contempt of court laws are more rigorously enforced than in England, is to say as a shotgun. When she comlittle as possible while any plained again to the police, court case or fatal accident inshe was told the man had a quiry is pending.

A poignant m e and a teddy bear placed among the flowers and tributes outside Dunblane primary yesterday

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Now, this gloomy little yard lies perfectly quiet, dirty curtains and dustsheets. Someone, it's clear, was

trying to climb to safety, and he saw them. At the door where Hamil-ton entered, just off the playground, a further three shots passed through the glass of the chockroom, just to the left of a stairwell. He adjusted; the next two are at a much lower level. Shivering in this yard of bare bushes and buckled

void of movement apart from the shadowed figures of forensics near the end of their work. Above, the Ochils sit heavy with snow: and round the rim of the bowl in which the school lies, the high empty spaces of Dunblane are specked with distant watchers and cameras. And the silance shrieks.

Evan Ferguson writes for the Observer. Read his full report on Sunday. tarmac, the cold sixties school architecture supple-



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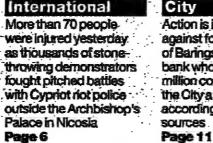


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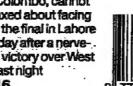
Tony Blair suffered one of his biggest rebellions when 25 Labour MPs, including two former Shadow Northern Ireland Ministers voted against the renewal of the Preven-, tion of Terrorism Act Page 4



Action is imminent against former executives of Barings, the merchant bank whose £800 million collapse rocked the City a year ago, according to authoritative

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Indies last night

#### Australia, who refused to play Sri Lanka a month ago in Colombo, cannot feel relaxed about facing them in the final in Lahore on Sunday after a nerveracking victory over West

## **2 DUNBLANE MASSACRE**



Headmaster reveals horror of scouring the mounds of dead and dying children for survivors after



killer ran amok in gym class



Class P1 of Dunblane Primary School, near Stirling, and their teacher. Gwen Mayor --- 16 children and Mrs Mayor died when gunman Thomas Hamilton opened fire on them

'Evil visited us. We don't know why'

Erlend Clouston, Vivek Chaudhary and Alex Bello

headmaster unblane Primary School described yesterday for the first time how he ran to the school gym to find a scene of carnage where 16 of his pupils and a teacher lay ad or dying.

Ron Taylor, aged 45, who was first to arrive, echoed the shock and disbelief of the small Scottish town: "Evil visited us. We don't know why: we don't understand it, and I guess we never will." He told how he feverishly the told how he feverishly

good progress at Stirling Royal Infirmary. One boy in intensive care has multiple wounds to his chest, foot and eye. Although still critically ill, his condi-tion had stablised last night, and doctors hoped to operate on the sye. Another is ex-pected to be taken off a venti-lator soon. A girl, who has a fractured thigh, was moved from intensive care to an or-thopaedic ward. did a runner. He said a man pointed a gun at him. He felt his leg but kept on going. He knows his teacher is dead and he seems to be holding up well. I don't want to push himabout it. I want him to tell me thopaedic ward. Steve and Beverley Birnie

himself. Once he gets home I think he will start asking questions." One of the children killed whose son Matthew has bullet was the daughter of Dr Kathwounds to shoulder and chest, said: "He's been able to speak ryn Morton, who was on duty as the dead and injured were brought to the hospital. Another couple, Willie and Kareen Turner, yesterday 13th century cathedral, which

Tom Weir said his son | take better care of you than | may seem unreal. Stewart was being very vague about the incident. "He is a bright wee kid and luckily he this world ever did. From all the people in our office who cried for you today." Another simply read "Why?" As police carried out a "full

ballistic and forensic exami-nation", Central Scotland's chief constable, William Wilson, himself a resident of Dunblane, said he was not looking for anyone else in connection with the tragedy but that Scottish legal con-straints prevented him from divulging more.

In the town centre, most shops were closed and many friends and relatives of the

Mike Ransom, director of social work for Central region, said they had received

120 requests for assistance the special helpline. Wound wrote to old schoolfriends in Cradley, West Midlands saying that she "loved it. in Scotland but was missing everybody". On Wednesday the girl whom for-mer neighbours described as "a sweet child who always had a swile on her foat" was At the Post Office a fax from Gretar Oddsson of Ice-land was taped to the window. "Please convey my deepes symphaty to all the inhabit-ants of your community." On had a smile on her face" was shot dead.

the payament opposite Harry Wright sadly fanned out a wad of condolences sent to Dunblane from Hawaii, China, the Netherlands and Canada on the internet. "I am taking them up to the school months ago with her family, and was due to go back in less

Gun facts

Firearms: 31,952

dream, something that has 'Sweet child who always had smile on face'

FEW weeks ago six-year-old Charlotte gym kit drenched in blood, shot that caught him below burn wrote to old but without a scratch. Stewart's father. Robert, said at the moment the boy

When Thomas Hamilton sprayed the gymnesium with gunfire he had dived for cover behind the lifebess body of his best friend, Kevin Hassel looked on Wednesday as an "adventure", but he would be shattered when he realised Once Hamilton turned his gun on himself teachers ran his friends were not coming

into the gymnasium to find Robbie, nicknamed Chunkle because of his big build, in "My vague about it all and I don't want to push him about it. I deep shock. He was taken to hospital, followed by his parents Billy and Janette. Rohbie's 70 years old grand.

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checked over the mounds of | was in X-ray and he wanted to | children's bodies to see who had not been fatally injured. "We tried to identify those who were still alive and those whose wounds could be treated. We did what we could. We tried to stop the blood. The ones injured were still conscious and very distressed

He added: "I still feel deeply shocked and still very, very distressed. My thoughts and the thoughts of my staff are obviously with the friends and families whose lives have been devastated by the appalling incident."

As Dunblane was yesterday coming to terms with the have feelings, because I can't understand it. I don't really scale of the tragedy, seven survivors, including five chil-dren, were said to be making ) know what to feel. I can't understand anyone who would do this."

know why they were taking pictures of his insides." Mr Birnie, a business manamong the victims. ager for a drugs company, said he was on his way to Dundee when his company di-Mrs Turner said: "Minutes seemed like hours and then turned into hours. There was rector rang to tell him of the shootings. "I phoned Dun-blane police station to find out if it was a primary or no information, the waiting seemed to go on for ever. The parents of injured children seemed to be told earlier, but it was 2pm before we were finally told that Megan was secondary school. I think

every parent thought that there was a one in 700 chance gone. None of the parents were brought together. We all went in at different times. It it could have been their child. "When I found out that it was my little boy's class, the would just have been too much to bear." numbness just started." He said: "It's very difficult to

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All night and all yesterday, tributes arrived in Dunblane

spoke of a five-hour wait at the school before they learned their daughter Megan was of Balquiddar Parish Church,

said he saw tears, shock but little anger as he and colleagues counselled distraught families. "Some were articulate and

wanted to talk immediately. Some were just in a state of shock. I saw one family whose little girl had lost nine friends. After such a shock as that, people are not able to speak. Their questions will

come later." By midday, a leaflet from Central region's social work Andrew O'Donnell; Victoria Porteous; Robert Purves; Bendepartment appeared on the counters of the few shops from all over the world. Flow-ers, teddy bears and messages blane Primary School Inci-were placed at the school dent, it warned: "At first you gates. One read: "May God may feel numb. The event id, 44.

and Galloway, stressed that

firearms were not a big factor in crime in Scotland. In 1994,

8 per cent of homicides in-volved the use of a firearm.

than a month when her father finished his work for a water so that they will be available to the parents and staff.' The dead:

Victoria Clydesdale; Emma Crozier; Melissa Currie; Charlotte Dunn; Kevin Ha-sell: Ross Irvine; David Kerr; Mhairi · McBeath; Brett class and friends," said for-mer neighbour Angela Jones. McKinnon, six; Abigail McLennan; Emily Morton; Sophie North; John Petrie; Joanna Ross; Hannah Scott; Me-gan Turner; and teacher Gwen Mayor, 45. The injured: Amie Adam; Coll Austin; Mat-thew Birnie; Amy Hutchison; Ryan Liddell; Mark Mullan; Andrag O'Donali'. Vistorie Relatives said they were too distraught to talk.

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Stirling. "The family were hoping to come back in time for Easter and Charlotte was going to re-start school and join her old

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AS Robbie Hurst was dropped off at the school gates he told his grandfather Jackie: "I love Wednesdays

grandpa, because it's PE

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purifying company in father, Jackie Hurst, who had he seems to be holding up left him at the school gates said yesterday: "Lord only knows how he will ever get over something like this. The awful thing is that Robbie well. Once he gets home I think he will start asking questions."

Talking of the wait to find out if Stewart, who will be six on Sunday, was dead or alive Mr Weir, aged 31, said: "I just wasn't rational in the things I was saying. I was desperate to Hamilton wielding his gun he find out how he was ... started to run for cover. But | whether he was dead."



Police and clubs call for calm amid firearms outcry

## **Gun laws**

Court appeals help keep licence refusals to 1pc

## Duncan Campbell Crime Correspondent

NLY 1 per cent of people who apply for firearms certificates are rejected, according to police and Home Office figures. The statistics are likely to be used in the growing call for a tightening of the law on the issuing of licences

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But politicians, police and gun club officials appealed yesterday for a period of reflection before any changes are made

Currently chief constables must be satisfied that gun licence applicants are not prohibited from possessing guns under the Firearms Act, and are not "of intemperate habits or unsound mind". Police | lawyer, civil servant, bank must also be satisfied that public safety will not be endangered and there is a good reason for requiring firearms. The regulations say: "All ap-plicants are subject to a full such appeals were almost invariably successful, which background check to enforce these standards

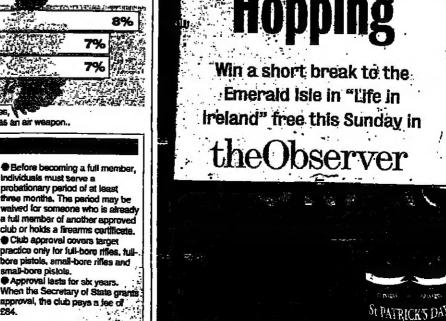
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revoked. In England and cannot legislate for one indi-vidual act of this nature. The Wales, 120 applications out of 11.700 were refused. Home Office has been unable Roy Cameron, president of the Association of Chief to identify any substantial link between lawfully held guns

Police Officers (Scotland) and and crime, except in one or Chief Constable of Dumfries two exceptional incidents." who has known the applicant | police as unstable or unreli- | Chief Constable of Dumfries

Individuals must serve a probationary period of at least The club is a geouine rifle or three months. The period may be pistol club with a written constitution. waived for someone who is alread a tull member of another approved Principal officers are club or holds a firearms certify "responsible people." Must have at least 10 members. Club approval covers target practice only for full-bore rifles, tull-All members must be of "good bore pistols, small-bore rifles and character" and must sign form mail-bore pisto saying they are not prohibited from Approval lasts for six years. When the Secretary of State grants possessing a firearm. Must provide secure storage approval, the club pays a fee of ies for linearm

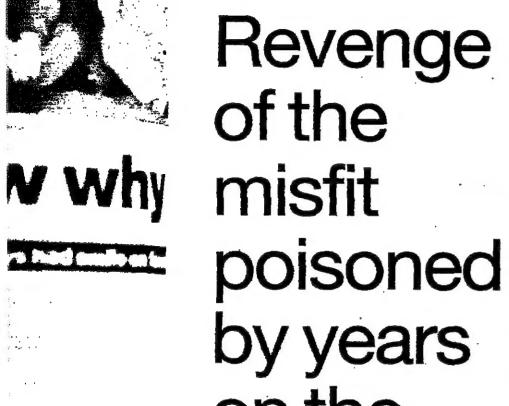


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## The Guardian Friday March 15 1996 **THE WORLD OF THOMAS** HAMILTON

'Hamilton had been hostile and unapproachable for many years. In a confused childhood, he had been brought up to believe his mother, Agries, was his older sister.





Thomas Hamilton . . . 'He seemed quite normal. Whenever we dealt with him there were no problems.' But all the time he was raging

cussed Hamilton with police

but they were unable to find

evidence against him which

In his letter to the minister,

headed "Boys Sports Club Group Committee" — an

organisation which has been

described as a figment of Hamilton's imagination — he

could result in a prosecution.

## **DUNBLANE MASSACRE 3**

"I can't live with this. I can't take it. I brought this monster into the world."

-Thomas Watt, Hamilton's father

"He used to say to me 'You can come around and see my gun'. I thought he was a right weirdo,"

-Scott Edgar, aged 15, who attended Hamilton's clubs

"I told him that as far as I was concerned he was a pervert and should not be in charge of boys. At that he produced this gun and pointed it at me, saying it was loaded."

- Doreen Hagger, mother of boy who attended Hamilton's 1989 summer camp

### "He was a sad guy, completely isolated and obsessed with young boys."

- Photo-journalist who visited Hamilton's house

### "We know he kept guns. He bragged to us about it."

- Helen Peters, who lives opposite Hamilton's home.

- Robert Ure.

a neighbour

# on the outside

### Owen Sowcott, Peter Hetheringto and Desican Campbell

N JANUARY 26 this year. Thomas Hamilton sat down in his scruffy, damp Kent Road flat in Stirling and tapped out what was to be one of his final angry complaints against the world Less than two months later he acted out the revenge he sought against a society that had "contaminated" and "poisoned" people sgainst

In his neatly typed letter to to be untrue. the education convener of Central Regional council, he complained that "parents had heard vague gossip" that he was a "pervert". When "pre-Crously happy people are pui-sound in this way they be-come hostile and unapproachable." he warned. Hamulton had been hostile night."

and unapproachable humself for many years. In a confused for many years. In a confused sons had been asked to dig childhood, he had been snow holes and had been cold brought up to believe that his mother, Agnes, was his older | that Hamilton was unsuitable Sister His "parents" were, in fact, his grandparents, Jun

Hamilton's mother broke up terday Mr Watt, now living in Glasgow, was still finding what had happened impossihis to believe "I brought this monster into the world. How do i tell my two daughters and my two sons that this mon is their half brother?"

Hamilton's grandfather, Jim. now aged 88, whose wife dist in 1988, left the Kent Road flat he shared with his grandson after a row. He has not spoken to him for four VE3FS

had never known him to be angry or to bear a grudge. "He seemed to get on with everybudy that I know of." she stud

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Tom Dair, then education

Fife had encouraged Hamil-

leader. The grudge he felt at his dismissal never left him. A 13-year-old suid: "He was sexual abuse, but councillors really mad about fitness. He would video the gymnastics. My dad banned me from go-He was expelled because he had heard other stories too. was seen as irresponsible rather than because of any chairman and now vice consexual malpractice. John ing. He used to say to me 'You venor of Fife regional council. Fogg. of the Scott Associa-tion, described why he was can come around and see my took the decision to cease the gan'. I thought he was a right lets. "There was nothing tanasked to have. "His expulsion followed two weekend camps to the Avigmore area in 1974. gible that we would want to weirdo. Thomas Hamilton hired school hails - usually the gym - from three separate draw to the attention of the police. We were made aware During the first weekend Hamilton claimed that he and of those videos he was taking local authorities to run sports clubs for boys over a period of and the photographs of the youngsters. It was more of an a party of eight boys had been booked into a hostel in the area. Inquiries revealed this at least 10 years. One by one instinctive response to a number of things that had been building up."

they became anxious about his activities and terminated "Hamilton and the boys had in fact slept in the back of a the agreement. After Central Region coun-

After Central Region coun-culdecided it would no longer port organisation for his ac-leaders. van. The van had frozen overnight in the inclement weather and had to be towed

to a garage. The boys were found to have been extremely and cold after an uncomfortable On a second occasion parents complained that their and soaked. It was decided material. Former Scout Commis-

The second secon There was no planning to his He has since remarked and activities. He was in it for had four more children. Yes, self-glory rather than the in-

terests of the boys." Mr Deuchars, a retired British Rail worker who is now a lollipop man in Stirling, said he knew of no improper behaviour on the part of Hamil ton and had no misgivings when Hamilton started up his own youth clubs after leaving

the Scouts. Ever since that departure, Hamilton pursued his twin interests of boys clubs and

guns. Despite the rumours and misgivings of parents, he Group Committee. Hamilton's mother, Agnes. was surprisingly successful said she did not recentise the killer as her son. She said she in setting up clubs and

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recruiting m One 15-year-old from Stirsions of five-a-side football ling, who attended Hamilton's and gymnastics for boys aged clubs held at both Bannock-burn High and Dunblane eight to 11. The clubs were monitored, said the council's spokeswoman, and they had High schools described what

But Hamilton's big problem was that he hardly got on with anyone. He was in his say to us You should take off fered his first major rebuff, tops'. So you would just have ton had held in Dunblane.

know of, I never thought for one minute that he'd do anything like that." Agnes Hamilton, the killer's mother

allow the Dunblane Rovers to tivities. When they heard of meet in the high school in the ban said Mr Dair, "some 1983 — a decision that the ombudsman ruled was wrong in the following year - Hamilton approached Fife regional council on behalf of what he called the Boys Sport Clubs Fife let him the gym in two expected anger or arrogance,

schools in the area between 1986 and 1992 for weekly sesbut there was nothing, he said. "He just seemed very cold - almost neutral." Hamilton complained to the outbudsman, but this time was rejected, because he had refused to meet councillors to

"I know that sexual child abuse must be identified and parents wrote to me in irate the abusers rooted out as a matter of national priority terms suggesting I had overreacted. I wish they'd been and this, in concept, is whole heartedly supported by the general public." correct. I wish my judgment had been 100 per cent wrong." In another letter to parents He spoke to Hamilton about the matter on the phone and

last August, Hamilton referred to persistent rumours about him circulating in Dunblane. "I am writing to briefly explain matters and dispel any myths and gossips." He was clearly unconvincing in his attempts. Doreen

writes: "Mr Forsyth, in 20 years of operation of our lawful activity, there has never been any law-breaking or any suggestion of sexual child abuse from any boys against either myself or any of my "He seemed to get on

> came unusually talkative. Helen Peters, who lives opboyfriend.

The couple were taking The couple were taking their puppy for a walk around 11pm when Hamilton emerged from the grounds of a local primary school. They shouted him over and asked for the address of a local gun club which they wanted for personal reasons. "He said he would be delighted to help, would give us an address and

pop it through the letter box."

said Ms Peters. "We won-

dered why he was coming

through the school at that time of night. He was so talk-

ative for a guy who rarely ex-

changes more than a few

ing what appeared to be a gun case. "I know what they look

like. We know he kept guns. He bragged to us about it."

The fascination with guns

words and never mixes." A day or so later she saw him leaving the house carry-

weeks at the camp in the summer of 1989 to keep an eye on Hamilton's activities. She said that she took all her evidence, including photo-graphs, to Strathclyde Police.

There were no charges. But Mrs Haggar said: "He was in his van one day and stopped me outside my house. He said he heard I had been talking to the police. I told him he was a pervert and should not be in charge of boys. At that he produced this gun from under his seat and pointed it at me, saying it was loaded."

She said she contacted police but was told that Ham-ilton had been moving the gun and had a permit for it. During his final days neigh-bours who knew Hamilton no-

ticed a change in his charac-ter; the apparently shy man of few words, who often ignored locals on the Braehead estate where he lived, suddenly be-

posite the two-bedroom coun-cil flat in Kent Road where Hamilton lived, said she had spoken to the killer at some length only a few days before the massacre along with her

when we took over. There wasn't a ceiling and there were wires all over the

place," said Ghulam Haider yesterday. "Only a room at the back, which looked like he had set up a mini gymna-sium, was clean. It looked like he had used some of the back of the shop for target practice. There were gun pellets lying on the floor and be had a board for targets which be took away when he left." The president of Stirling Rifle and Pistol Club, George

Smith, confirmed that Hamilton had been a member since at least 1987. "He was an infrequent visitor to the Whitestone Rifle Range where we do target practice.

"He was always very cour-teous but didn't have much to say for himself. How do you know when someone is going to flip their lid and do some thing like this? From what I saw he was a pretty good shot and like a lot of members had

semi-automatic pistols and kept them at home. Other gun clubs were less well disposed towards him. Raymond Reid, secretary of the Callander Gun Club, yes-terday confirmed that they had turned down his applica-

tion for membership this year. "It's quite common practice to be a member of more than one gun club but I knew of his involvement with the Scout movement and the youth clubs of his own found-ing," Mr Reid said. Hamilton, he said, had

owned two nine millimetre semi-automatic pistols, one of them a Browning, a .357 | it warm.

"He was very secretive.

You never saw

him."

standing customer of D Crockart and Sons, a sporting guns and fishing tackle shop in King Street in Stirling, where he regularly bought ammunition. Robert Bell, the proprietor, said yesterday that he had known Hamilton for the last 15 years. "We have had dealings with him under the Firearms Act, which covers both weapons and ammu-nition," an evidently shaken

Mr Bell confirmed. "He seemed quite normal at the time. His certificate was correct in every respect and whenever we dealt with him there were no problems."

But Hamilton was privately raging. He blamed the council

for the collapse of his kitchen fitment business which he had run for 14 years. He believed that the publicity over his council action damaged his trade and he started sign-

ing on. He moved into photography, mainly so that he could take pictures of the boys in his charge. He was banned from his local camera shop.

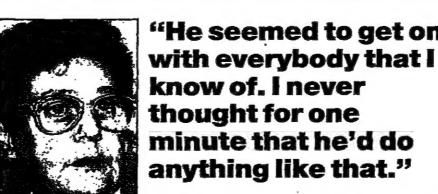
who refused to develop his film. Instead he had to take it to professional film processors in Glasgow.

Staff at Ronnie Kilpatrick's camera shop in Stirling knew him well. He owned profes sional camera gear worth thousands of pounds and bought and sold equipment privately. He would advertise in Amateur Photographer but with little success. No one wanted to know him.

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All the while, Thomas Hamilton nursed his wrath to keep

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## **4 BRITAIN**

#### News in brief

## **Government denies** bypass cash hitch

THE Highways Agency yesterday dismissed press claims that road builders may not bid for the main construction work on the £100 million Newbury bypass because the Government cannot afford to pay for it all at once. An article in Contract Journal today claims Newbury bidders are effectively being told that work done above £18 million will be paid late.

"All the money for the bypass is in place," a government spokesman said. "We are setting out a new schedule of payments for construction work. It's a matter of housekeeping." The deadline for bids is today. — John Vidal

### Editor for leftwing journal

IAN Hargreaves, aged 44, former editor of the Independent, was confirmed yesterday as the new editor of the New Statesman. His appointment, following the purchase of the leftwing weakly by millionaire Labour MP Geoffrey Robinson, takes effect from mid-April. Mr Hargreaves is a former deputy editor of the Financial Times and director of BBC news and current affairs. John Lloyd, until recently Moscow correspondent of the Financial Times and a former New Statesman editor, becomes associate editor of the magazine. - Andrew Culf

### Pilot 'a public nuisance'

A SHOW-OFF RAF pilot who buzzed the Kent village of Staple in his Hawk jet trainer was yesterday branded a public nuisance by a military court.

Flight Lieutenant Nick Paine, aged 28, was found guilty by a court martial at RAF Leeming, North Yorkshire, where he serves with 100 Squadron, of causing unnecessary nuisance to his home village after a display at nearby RAF Manston last June . He was fined £500. The findings and sentence are subject to confirmation. He had denied causing a nuisance.

#### **BBC drama chief quits**

CHARLES Denton, who presided over the renaissance of BBC TV's drama output, yesterday said he was stepping down after three years. Mr Denton, aged 58, is to continue working for the BBC part time. His departure comes at a time when the BBC has rattled ITV with ratings successes like Ballykissangel and The Sculptress. — Andrew Culf

### Shape of the nineties

NINETTES woman is expanding her waisiline along with her Professional horizons, according to yesterday's Cosmopolitan. Her average shape is less of an hour-glass and more of a beer glas — with larger, lower breasts, longer torso and bigger waist.



An already impeccably groomed contestant gets the finishing touch at Cruft's dog show, which began at Birmingham's National Exhibition Centre yesterday PHOTOGRAPH DAVO

## Labour rebellion over terrorism law

Patrick Wintour, Chief Political Correspondent

ONY BLAIR suffered one of his biggest Jack Straw, the shadow home secretary, said he was pleased that the rebellion had not rebellions since becoming Labour Party leader when 25 Labour MPs, including two former shadow been larger. One of the lead-ing rebels, Kevin McNamara, Northern Ireland ministers, the former shadow Northern defied the whip and opposed the renewal of the Prevention Ireland secretary, said: "I think consistency in politics of Terrorism Act. Mr Blair had called on the

and calling for an outright vote in favour of the PTA. In the debate before the vote, Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, told Mr Straw: "Abstention is not enough. Indecision will not do. Governments cannot shrink from deciding whether to take the measures necesis a virtue to be supported." sary to protect the public Ministers accused the from terrorism."

angered Mr Straw who said afterwards: "Thank God Mr Howard has been kept away from the peace process be-cause if he had not, it would never have got under way."

During the debate Labour backbenchers accused their own front bench of cowardice and of seeking bogus reasons to get themselves off the hook of the party's principled oppo-sition to the PTA.

After two years of abortive attempts to reach a deal with the Government on the PTA, Mr Straw announced a fort-night ago that Labour would abstain on the act because the Government had set up an in-

His abandonment of the bi- dependent judicial inquiry | tency and sought to undercut partisan tone on Ireland | into the future of anti-terror- Mr Straw's explanation for ist laws.

Labour's shift. He said Lord LLoyd's review had no relevance to yesterday's renewal of the PTA orders since its finding result only he intra In an attempt to reduce last night's rebellion, Mr Straw attacked the continuing use of exclusion orders and the defindings would only be introtention for as long as seven days without judicial review. He justified Labour's volte duced "if and when there is a permanent peace in Northern Ireland".

face by saying the Govern-ment had bowed to his party's two-year-long request for a The 23 Labour rebets were: Diane Abbott, John Austin-Walker, Harry Barnes, Tony Benn, Andrew Bonnett, Den-nes Canavasi, Harry Cohen Terry Davis William Etherington, Maria Fyle, Bernie Grant, Helen Jackson, Lynno Jonen Kom defunct IRA ceasefire, Mr the defunct IRA ceasefire, Mr the autumn by Lord Lloyd of Berwick. But Mr Howard accused Labour of inconsis-Berwick But Mr Howard Berwick But Mr Howard fundamental review of anti-terrorist legislation. Last

**Major vows crackdown** on foreign 'activists'

which

#### lan Black and **Richard Norton-Taylo**

HE Government is to crack down on foreign activists to ensure they do not use Britain to promote

which creates a climate in charged or convicted of ofwhich terrorism can fences in their own country. flourish." Whitehall acknowledges

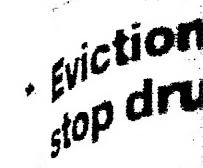
Clearly influenced by the case of Muhammad al-Ma-s'ari, the Saudi Arabian Is-lamist who the Government has tried but so far failed to depart to Demining the activities outside Brit-ical question which also goes to the heart of extra-territoviolence abroad or even foster dissent, John Major pledged yesterday. Speaking after returning from Wednesday's Middle



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## party to abstain , ending 14 | Labour leadership of moral years of outright opposition cowardice for not having the to the act. Voting was 222 to courage of their convictions years of outright opposition to the act. Voting was 222 to 26, a Government majority of 196. After the Commons vote

be introduced to curb terror ist or related activity, though there would have to be firm evidence of wrongdoing. But he admitted the issue was delicate. In remarks which are likely

to cause concern about civil liberties, he told BBC Radio: "It may be that the time has come to look at the activities not only of those who actively conspire to commit terrorist icts but also those who from safe havens abroad foster dissent elsewhere in a way cal exiles and asylum-

ers" in the Egyptian resort of Sharm al-Sheikh, the Prime Minister said new large or the under the Prevention of Terrorism Act to raise funds very carefully." The Home Office is already

for terrorist activities outside Britain. However, the prose conducting a review of con-spiracy and incitement laws cution has to prove that organisations here know to see if they could be ex-tended to offences committed outside Britain. A spokesman their funds were being used for terrorist activities.

The need to get evidence reflects Whitehall's cautious said yesterday that the review would be completed by the summer. reaction to last week's decision by the Charity Commis-sioners — under Foreign The Government has been under pressure from a num-ber of countries — including France, Algeria, Egypt and Saudi Arabia — to take Office pressure — to freeze the assets of Interpal, the Lon-don-based Palestinian Relief and Development Fund. tougher action against politi-

It is already an offence

## Duel over earldom ends well for young pretender

David Pallister on a family feud over succession to the earldom of Selkirk

So and d a final column So and

So ended a fiendishly complicated, 14-month legal battle over the Scot-tish earldom of Selkirk.

There were two contend ers: Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, the Scottish Office minister, and his cousin, Alasdair Douglas-Hamilton, a lawyer. But in November 1994 Lord James's uncle, the 10th earl, died without male heirs and in order to avoid a byelection in his marginal Edinburgh West constituency, Lord James renounced his claims.

Before the Court of the Lord Lyon, the arbiter of matters titular in Scotland, however, he pressed the claim on behalf of his son, John Andrew.

and making John the heir apparent, Sir Malcolm said the minister could not use the arms or the title in his lifetime.

sons in 1688. And so the Selkirks and the Hamiltons prospered.

Hamilton, and himself be-came the 3rd duke. He resigned the earldom but it was granted to one of his

Alasdair Douglas-Hamilton thought he had it in the pot. He was listed in Debrett's and Burke's as the heir ap-parent. And a letter from Sir Malcolm's father, the previous Lord Lyon, seemed to confirm his suc-cession would be trouble free.

But it was not to be. And besides losing the legacy and the right to sit in the House of Lords he had expenses granted against

Asked what effect the case had had on the family, he replied: "It doesn't help matters." Of his relation-There was a proviso that ship with Lord James, he the two titles be kept sepa-rate. But William went on to marry Anne, Duchess of James was not present.



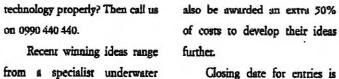
fight victor Lord Title James Douglas-Hamilton

In 1646 Charles 1 granted the earldom to his cousin, 12-year-old William Douglas, the younger brother of the premier Scottish peer, the Duke of Hamilton.

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In finding for Lord James

The legal problem centred on a little Latin written over 300 years ago.



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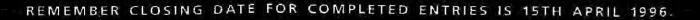
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## Mother must quit home where partner sold heroin **Evictions** move to stop drug dealing

#### James Meikle, Community Affairs Editor

OUNCIL chiefs will country to take this step. This tep up moves to stop court ruling is a victory for us irug dealing on and will send out a warning housing estates after shot to other people misusing winning an eviction order their properties. "The problems related to against a mother whose part ner was convicted of supply drugs in this town are horrening herain from her home. dous. People get woken up at The woman, two of whose all hours of the night and day by abusers looking for suppli-ers on their estates and they children, aged six and 14, live with her in Cramlington, near bring crime with them." Dave Stephens, leader of Bivth, Northumberland, has been given a month to leave. Eviction proceeedings are being pursued against other the council when the changes

to tenancy agreements were made, said: "I hope the mes-sage gets out to all drug push-ers they are risking losing tenants in an area where 13 people have died from drug buse in three years. Last year, the woman's partner was jailed by Newcastheir homes' le crown court for four years

He added: "It took time to get the scheme off the ground because we had to inform ten-She lost her appeal against eviction at North Shields ants what we were doing. county court this week. "Anyone who breaks the

Deirdre Campbell, a mem-per of Blyth Valley council, home. We don't care if these ber of Blyth Valley council, said: "As far as we know we are the first council in the are women with children because all they are doing is peddling death ... They are the ones who break the rules so they cannot be classed as homeless because they have deliberately chosen to lose their homes.

Home Office junior minis-ter Tom Sackville has praised the council for specifying that drug dealing would be treated as a breach of the tenancy surreguest

Councils have also stepped

up action against racists, sometimes by using clauses prohibiting tenants or others sharing or visiting their home from threatening neighbours.

Greement. Other authorities have made similar moves although the more general threat of eviction for allowing homes to be used "for illegal pur-poses" has existed for years.

**Class training backed** 

creased job satisfaction.

The School-Centred Initial

scheme, now in its second

Donaid MacLeod **Education Correspondent** 

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HE Government's scheme to train teachers in the classroom instead of colleges or universities today receives a boost from a survey of experienced teach-ers - to the embarrassment Teacher Training (SCITT) of the union which commisyear, places graduate trainees sloned it. Like other unions, the

in a secondary school or group of schools for a year under the supervision of ex-Association of Teachers and Lecturers has criticised the move to school-based training isting staff, rather than being taught at a college or univeras an extra burden on staff. sity and going into schools for But Warwick university rewarchers found teachers teaching practice. The scheme was criticised by the Office for Standards in Educainvolved in the programme were extremely positive detion in its first year. But a

siasm of the students. sional development had been enhanced and expressed in-

> union's general secretary, said the Government could not continue to "milk teachers' goodwill at the expense of adequate funding". Anthea Millett, chief execu-

tive of the Teacher Training Agency, hoped more schools would become involved. "It is an extremely demanding task but it not only provides quality training but motivates teachers and gives pupils more opportunities

## Police say killer held woman under water

water by her killer until she drowned. forensic tests showed yesterday As police stepped up their systep for witnesses, they disclosed new details of the

attack on Karen Skipper, a 34-

seen chatting just before mid-night near where Mrs Skip-per lived, are also being sought in case they have vital information.

Officers with posters and questionnaires are to start a



## **BRITAIN 5**

## Cocaine craving 'trigger' targeted

## Tim Radford Science Editor

CIENTISTS at Yale Suniversity believe they may have found the brain chemicals that control cocaine addiction --offering hope of blocking the craving or tricking ad-dicts into feeling gratifica-

tion without the drug. The approach might also apply to the opiates — but so far the brain chemicals involved have only been tested on laboratory rats. The news, revealed today

in the US journal Science, comes only a few months after scientists at La Jolla, California, revealed they had made a form of cocaine without any kick to it, but which might help inmu-nise addicts. The catch, once again, is that it has only been tested on rats. But David Self and three

colleagues at Yale school of medicine in New Haven. Connecticut. claim they have proved that "cocaine seeking behaviour", or addiction, is operated by two distinct "dopamine recep-tor agonists" in the brain.

However, dopamine is involved in numerous brain functions, so sorting out what it is that makes ex-addicts relapse and seek co-caine was not simple. They found, though, that one ag-onist triggered relapse and another inhibited it.

The finding suggested it might be possible to devise some chemical to block craving and help addicts get off the drug.

But the Yale researchers believe there is still a long way to go, as dopamine and other companion substances are important in the brain's daily business.

Others agree. "They have global effects throughout the brain and dopamine is involved in muscular contractions, Parkinson's disease and so on," Dick Dafters, of the University of Glasgow said yesterday. "So the problem is getting things specific enough to knock out what you want to knock out and leave other systems intact." He added: "It may very

well be an 'antagonist' that keeps people off cocaine.

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being forced into the River Ely at Cardiff. "Her hands were bound behind her back and she would have been belpless to do anything about it. A horrific picture is emerging of how she met her death.

spite the increased workload. teacher said: "It kept me on my toes, got me out of the rut I was in." Pupils liked the They welcomed the fresh ideas and energy student teachers brought to the classextra attention and the enthuroom, felt their own profes-

The teachers found guiding tudent teachers was timeconsuming. Peter Smith, the

Detective Superintendent Terry Ewington, leading the tion of a teenage angler in a using Birdies Lane Fields by a funding row between councils. Blackpool is demanding £40,000 a year from neighbouring Wyre council for thing as simple as rock investigation . said scratches | red baseball cop who may | where the murder took place. | maintenance work to avoid the line terminating at Thornton PHOTOGRAPH DENIS THOPPE music."

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## **6 WORLD NEWS**



Dressed not to kill ... A member of Russia's Presidential Regiment helps a comrade with his new 2600 uniform, based on an old imperial design

Army elite keep KGB blue in imperial makeover

James Meek in Moscow finds the peacocks of the presidential guard have nowhere to strut since Lenin's tomb duty was axed guard have nowhere to strut since Lenin's tomb duty was axed bis to be a struct as a military matter. The first be below in the state to sponsor the rebuild be below in the bolished or the bolished

the young graduate of Mos-cow's top military academy had the polished ease of a man whose martial calling was a world away from the mud and blood of Chechenia or Tajikistan. "All of us serve exclusively in the Kremlin," said Senior

Lieutenant Vladislav Kaminsky, aged 23. "I'm not an officer of the Russian army. I'm an officer of the Presidenal Regiment. It's a different

ESPLENDENT in fin-ery of teal green, royal blue, gold and brass, the young graduate of Mos-the young graduate of Mos-the young graduate of Mos-nin's tomb in Red Square. Now it has been refitted with uniforms in the style of the break with Soviet traditions, although Mr Parkhayev said he chose the royal blue of the break with soviet traditions. pre-revolutionary imperial army and serves in Boris breastcloth because it was "the traditional colour of the KGB", to which the unit once belonged.

the new order by associating the president with symbols of Russia's imperial, Orthodox past. The new uniforms, which cost about 2600 each, were de-signed by a military book il. reminder that Russia did not

Assembling the costume

workshop, and the head-dresses by the proprietor of a St Petersburg wax museum. Lt Kaminsky admitted that his unit was devastated when

abilities

the guard of honour was withdrawn from Lenin's tomb and the wooden mock-up they used to practise their goose-step vanished from within the **Kremlin** walls. "The soldiers were very upset, of course. All of us were.

It was a very honourable duiv. The new uniform was a boost to morale, but no new ceremony has been invented yet to give them a public role. Unlike other post-communist honour guards, such as the fancifully costumed Czech

After an earlier version of the bird without crown, orb and sceptre was derided as a mutant "Chernobyl broiler", The rank and file of the regits regalia were restored. It is not clear what would

PHOTOGRAPH: JAMES HELL

iment, however, are con-scripts. To get such a plum posting a recruit must be at least 5ft 10ins tall, have no fa-cial defects and be "of Slavic happen to the Presidential Regiment if Mr Yeltsin lost to the communist leader, Gentype" - Tatars, Chechens, Bashkirs and so on need not nady Zyuganov, in the June elections. Mr Zyuganov reveres Lenin, and could order the guard of honour to be restored to the tomb.

apply. "Can you imagine what it would be like if an English Guards regiment had Afri-cans in it?" chortled Mr "If Zyuganov wants a de-signer for new uniforms for Lenin's tomb, it won't be me," said Mr Parkhayev. Parkhayev. The search for a Yeltsin era

# **Cyprus riot** as bishops try priest

### Chris Drake in Nicosia

ORE than people were injured yesterday as thousands stone-throwing demonstra-tors fought pitched battles with Cypriot riot police outside the Archbishop's Palace in Nicosia, where the island's bishops were trying a priest suspended on immorality

charges. Police fired tear gas and made baton charges to stop the crowd of about 3,000 supporters of the priest, Archi-mandrite Pangratios Mera-clis, from storming the off with barbed wire. Eight

arbeit with barbeit wite. Eight protesters were arrested. A hospital spokeswoman said 74 people — civilians and police — were treated in hos-pital. Others were treated on the spot by ambulancemen.

The crowd, which de-manded to be allowed to give evidence, hurled stones, wooden posts and parts of the barbed wire barricades at the police. Some officers threw stones back.

The demonstrators shouted "pigs, murderers" at the police, but saved their real anger for the Greek Orthodox Church leader, Archbisbop Chrysostomos, when he ap-peared briefly at a window. "You are an anti-Christ, an adulterer, the son of a

whore," they screamed. Inside the palace, the bish-ops convened a second meeting of the Holy Synod to hear estimonies on the charges against the priest. The meeting ended without

a verdict. A taxi driver and a massage parlour owner have already testified against him. Last night, police sail secu-rity had been tighted around the archbishop after anony-

News in brief Seven killed in of Europol **Bahrain attack** 

SEVEN people believed to be Asians were killed early yes-terday when masked men threw petrol bombs at a res-taurant in the Gulf island state of Bahrain, the official Gulf News Agency reported. Witnesses said five masked men poured petrol at the entrance to the restaurant in Si-tra district to prevent those inside from escaping, accord-ing to an interior ministry official. — Reuter.

**Troops rush in** 

mous tips that there plans to harm him.

Archimandrite Meraclis, aged 39, has been elected as a bishop by a big majority of 70 people in the north-western Morphou area, but the arch-bishop refuses to enthrone him, citing "moral obstacles". The decision has turned him into a hero. He is widely regarded as a "man of the people", and his simple life-style contrasts sharply with

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that of other Cypriot church figures who have become deeply involved in big business and multi-million pound tourism projects. The archbishop is seen as

autocratic, out of touch with his flock, and more concerned with exercising his considerable power to influence politi-cians and businessmen than dealing with the religious needs of Cypriots. He wants the accused priest

defrocked and has accused him of being a homosexual a serious slur in such a conser vative country. Homosexual ity is no longer a crime in

Cyprus. Asked why he thought the priest had such strong support, he said it was because there were so many homosexuals in Cyprus, a statement

that shocked the public. He added: "It is my duty till death if necessary, to take any measures necessary to protect the honour of the

church." The priest, who was smuggled out of the palace through a back-door at the end of the one-hour meeting, was ordered to answer the charges in writing within five days. He did not give details of the charges, but has denied any impropriety.

His supporters are expected to return in force when he goes back to the palace with

## Fury as Britain blocks scrutiny

Stephen Bates in Strasboury

DRITAIN was accused yes-bierday of obstructing the European war against drugs and organised crime by its continued blocking of the inauguration of Europol, the cross-border police intellience-gathering unit.

Other European Parliament member states promised to redouble their efforts to get round the Government's lone

Yeltsin's personal retinue. The creation of the guard is part of an effort by Mr Yeltsin's image-makers to strengthen the legitimacy of

thing altogether." It is a universe of the world as only the formulation of the second second

ioner, said.

outside the EU."

sales to Europe.

His comments reflect con-

cern in France and other EU countries that London's

art market benefits un-

fairly because resale royal-ties are not paid in Britain. But Anthony Browne of

Christie's in London said

the proposal would under-

mine Europe's art market.

New York, it would become

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"For me this is a symbol of the overcoming of the rupture of 1917, the breach which

Mixed review for **European snub for US drive to** 

EU royalties plan arm Bosnian federation army

dox church of Christ the Sav-iour in Moscow and adopt of of state in whose honour they turn out. Lt Kaminsky said he was a the imperial double-headed eagle as the country's official career soldier who had been picked for the Kremlin because of his exceptional

**Julie Wolf in Brussels** 

HE European Commission came to the aid of artists throughout the European Union — from the famous to the struggling - yesterday with proposals to ensure that they receive rovalties when their works are resold. But auction houses in

London warned that the plan would drive business to New York, where there are no royalties for the resale of works of art. The British government is expected to oppose the proposal, which is based on French practice. The commission said the

proposed legislation, which needs the approval of minis-ters, was aimed at ensuring artists get the same treat-ment in all EU countries.

Britain, Ireland, Austria and the Netherlands have no provision for artists or would not suffer, because it has a strong business in their heirs to receive royalties when works are resold through an agent or at auction. In other EU states the difficult to attract large royalty systems vary widely and are not always applied

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In this way, a British artbetween 2 and 4 per cent of the price of works resold for ist such as David Hockney more than 1,000 ecus (£800). receives resale royalties when one of his paintings is sold in Paris, while the es-tate of Matisse earns noth-artist's death.

ing when one of his works Chris Nuttall in Ankara s auctioned in London, the bise noiseimmo

This proposal will make N AMERICAN-led drive a major contribution to promoting fine art within to start arming the Bos-nian federation army the European Union while has blown a new hole in removing existing distor-tions in the marketplace." transatiantic co-operation on implementing the peace plan Mario Monti, the EU's infor the former Yugoslav with only days to go before ternal market commis-

United Nations resolutions allow weapons to flow legally into Bosnia, most European states are effectively shunning a donors' conference in Turkey today to try to raise \$300 million for the "trainand-equip" programme - a controversial part of Novemer's US-brokered Dayton accords which ended the Bosnia war.

"It's not going to benefit Paris — it will benefit New York." he said. "Here again we see that the EU is more The money is intended to bolster the federation's Muslim and Croat forces. The interested in internal har monisation than whether a United States has promised \$100 million worth of military European market competes quipment Although Christie's itself But European governments

- uneasy at the prospect of a new Balkans arms race - are either staying away from the meeting or sending low-level representatives. The German foreign minis-

The commission proposes that artists should receive ter, Klaus Kinkel, said: "It is not right to undermine arms control by rearmament." Some US officers are said to

peace implementation force is still in Bosnia could place

I-For troops in danger. The Clinton administration argues, however, that build-ing up Bosnian Muslim and Croat forces to match tho the Bosnian Serbs is vital to stability in the region, particularly after Nato leaves. Critics say the policy is a sop to

Congress More than 20 countries will attend the one-day meeting in Ankara, to be co-chaired by the US deputy secretary of state, Strobe Talbott. The US is worried because Islamic revolutionaries from

Iran are already giving their own form of training in In contrast to the Europe ans, pro-Western Muslim countries appear to be fully behind the US initiative. Strobe Talbott: Main man at

Among those promising to at-tend, Saudi Arabia. Qatar, Kuwait and Brunei are expected to give money and Egypt, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Malaysia and Indonesia may offer equipment or training. Italy, Germany and the Netherlands were the only west European countries to accept the invitation by yes-terday. But Britain later an-

nounced it would send a For-eign Office official. A study by the US Institute share Europe's concern that arming the Muslims and sioned by the Pentagon, esti-

Croats while the Nato-led | mated that \$800 million worth

communications equipment, rifles, lorries and engineering material would be needed

first. Heavy weapons, allowed after 180 days, should include artillery, armoured personnel allowed carriers and 45 tanks for rapid-reaction brigade, it aid. Warplanes were ruled out as too threatening and too

We believe that a stable military balance is required to guarantee that war does not return after I-For departs from Bosnia," James Pardew, the US special representative for military stabilisation in the Balkans, told an Ankara news conference. "This stable balance is also essential to establish conditions for peace-ful reconstruction to take place inside Bosnia."

The programme would off-set the Bosnian Serbs' advantages in heavy weapons, logis-tics, training and military experience. While European countries

meet any offensive in the region's difficult terrain. It argue that the scheme will undermine disarmament efforts, Mr Pardew insisted also recommended an activethat it went hand in hand with arms control negotiations. "All arms are not going to be removed from Bosnia," he

UN Security Council reso-lutions allow light arms to be supplied to Bosnia from March 19 — that is, 90 days after the Paris agreement sealing the Dayton accords. said. "There will still be a The US wants to begin training and equipping the Bosnians within two to four capacity to resume the fighting. But an effective military balance will support all of the

weeks. The US study said people in Bosnia.

Army reinforcements have European Court of Justice to been rushed to Irian Jaya after violent demonstrations adjudicate in disputes about Europol's operation. at a United States mine killed Britain's obstruction of

three people and left at least 15 injured, Indonesian offi-ECJ involvement has delayed the unit's operations for more cials said yesterday.

than a year. One Christian Democrat MEP, Viviane Reding of Lux-embourg, told MEPs: "How Mafia charges Almost the entire leadership much longer will we accept of the Detroit mafia has been Britain's opt-out or put up

with its negative attitude? One single member state is denying European citizens their rights."

The Government is prepared to take its hostility to the court to the extent of frustrating Europol, though it agrees the unit could be vital in fighting organised crime.

Both the Government and Labour contend that justice and home affairs are issues for member states to resolve independently. They deny that ECJ involvement would make Interpol more accountable or transparent.

Britain was one of the first EU states to ratify the convention setting up Europol, but recent ECJ decisions against Britain on fishing rights and

limits to working hours have hardened the Government's attitude. The court has pointed out that Britain has a record year. They said boy-cotts — especially in Scandi-navia, the Netherlands and Canada — knocked 750 milbetter record than almost any other member state in appear-ances before the court fewer than 30 in 20 years, compared with 70 for Luxem-bourg and 300 for Italy. CXG Inves

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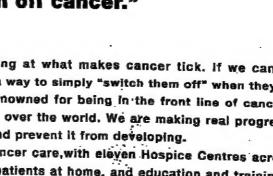
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indicted by a federal grand jury on 25 different charges, the United States attorney general, Janet Reno, an-nounced yesterday. - AP. **Burundi** deaths Two priests and a nun were killed when 200 people attacked a seminary in northern Burundi, state-run radio said yesterday. - Reuter. Unmarked graves As many as 3,200 illegal immi-grants died along the Teras-Mexico border between 1984 and 1994, most by drowning in the swift waters of the Rio Grande, according to a study

released yesterday. Most were never identified. — Reuter. Nuclear failout

French wine exporters yesterday blamed French nuclea esting in the south Pacific for preventing 1995 from being a

lion francs (197.5 million) off expected sales. - Reuter.



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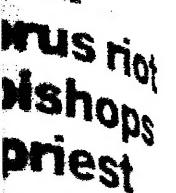
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Pragmatist . . . The Republican presidential aspirant Senator Robert Dole at work on the balcony outside his Capitol Hill office

## **Right sour at Dole courtship of Powell**

## Martin Walker in Washington

Gen Powell running for the presidency, they warned that he would split the party and guarantee President Clinton's ETIRED general re-election. Colin Powell was "Since Bob Dole is viewed being dragged back into the American as coming from the moderate-

to-pragmatic wing of the presidential fray yesterday, despite his repeated refusal to run, as Republicans resparty, the most helpful pick for him would be a solid, prolife conservative," Ralph Reed, director of the Chrisponded to opinion polls suggesting that putting him for-ward as vice-president was tian Coalition, said. their only chance of toppling

In private, the Coalition is calling on Mr Dole to repay its crucial backing for him in the Bill Clinton in November. Conservatives and the religious right began scrambling to shoot down Senator Robert southern states. It has said any candidate who approves Dole's new attempt to recruit abortion is "unacceptable". Gen Powell - who is rela-tively liberal and pro-

The rightwing Pat Buchan-an warned that Gen Powell would provoke a battle royal as his vice-presi-

mobilised last autumn to stop | and old Ronald Reagan loyal- | whenever the Republicans go | Powell does not respond in | He meant what he said." ists warned that opting for the general would be a leap into the unknown. "Why should conservatives it, but they can't help

support a vice-presidential nominee, Mr Powell, who first joined the Republican party only three months ago. who is strongly pro-abortion, who believes in affirmative action, who declares himself a Rockefeller Republican?" Mr Buchanan said. "If Bob Dole sets a course to

co back to Rockefeller Repub-licanism, be is going to have a battle at the convention." The Democrats shook their heads in gleeful disbelief as

to war over abortion," James Carville, President Clinton's strategist, said. "They know

themselves." Gen Powell's support of abortion rights for women and affirmative action for minorities makes him unacceptable to cultural conservatives. But opinion polls and senior Republicans such as former president George wrong," Bush all agree with Mr Dole's fear that he may not be able to defeat Mr Clinton without the hugely popular and respected general on his ticket.

The vice presidential matthe Republicans continued to ing dance is taking a curi-squabble, despite Mr Dole's ously ritualised form, in progress towards the nomina which Mr Dole does not quite

'He has been a soldier all his life, and he has responded whenever his country needed him, and I believe if anyone went to General Powell and laid out a case that duty and the country called, he would suit up again," Mr Dole said after his sweeping victory in this week's Super-Tuesday symbol. primaries. "I may be totally

It was then left to Gen Powell's friends to reply. "The door is locked, sealed and bolted," said Ken Duberstein, a former chief of staff in the Reagan White House who is Gen Powell's closest political adviser.

"The door is slammed shut.

The Republicans tried to put on a show of unity yester-day, when Steve Forbes formally withdrew from the presidential race and en-dorsed Mr Dole. Beneath the facade, the party is riven by an ideological split, of which Gen Powell has become the

'Powell drives away a lot of people in the pro-life move-ment and makes people believe Dole is not as conservative as we think he is," said Lyn Nofziger, the Reagan loy-alist recruited as co-chairman of the Dole campaign. "Powell is totally untested.

afraid of is me." China dismisses Taiwan's We have no idea what he will say under political pressures, which are a whole lot differ-

## **WORLD NEWS 7**

China 'will not attack'

Bington it does not in-

partment said yesterday, writes David Fairhall.

China's military options are limited. Western intelli-

scale invasion, miless many more ships and aircraft are assembled — which would

easily be detected by US and Taiwanese

reconnaissance. The most that could real-

istically be attempted would be the invasion of one of the offsbore Taiwan-

ese islands, particularly those close to the mainland.

Other options would be to blockade Taiwan's two main ports, Kaohsiung and

Moreover, China's armed

forces are ill-equipped com-

pared with Taiwan's, and would pay dearly for any direct attack.

theorists in Beijing. Dressed in purple jackets with dollops of gold braid, the band wel-

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Keelung.

## Wargames bring democracy salvo from Taiwan

## Andrew Higgins in the Pescadores

HE message was clear from his white golfing shoes. Visiting the front line of a confrontation that tend to attack Taiwan, the United States defence dehas left the world holding its breath, President Lee Tenghui - with the defiant nonchalance of a weekend golfer — spent a day in the sun yesgence sources indicate that China has enough amphibi-ous equipment immediterday, taunting Chinese battleships and warplanes firing live ammunition a few dozen ately available to put only a single division of 10,000-15,000 men ashore. This rules out a largemiles away

"No one here is scared. In this place everybody has the spirit of struggle ... They are the ones who are scared, scared to death," declared Mr ee, aged 73, on his first visit to Taiwanese islands near the middle of the Taiwan Strait since China began test lob-bing ballistic missiles over-head and practising bombing runs in the sea to the south. Only 40 miles away the People's Liberation Army held its third day of live-fire wargames. The Taiwanese de-fence ministry reported 20 groups of Chinese warplanes and 40 ships hurling missiles and bombs in a mock combat zone that has disrupted com mercial air and sea traffic through one of the world's

est arteries Mr Lee's studied calm, now the main theme of his campaign in Taiwan's first democratic presidential election on March 23, contrasted with the grim-faced vigilance of the bodyguards with Armalite

ed businessmen.

do not know yet how to learn.

why China is so afraid of these elections. That is why

they use these exercises to in-timidate us. The man the Chi-

nese Communists are most

That is democracy. This

comed Mr Lee to a bridge-opening ceremony with the navy's battle song. Above a makeshift shelter erected for the flag-waving rifles. Taiwan's military also showed its teeth. Fighters roared overhead as Mr Lee ar-rived for a day of electioneer-ing, and soldiers stepped up armed natrols of sandbagged but mostly geriatric support-ers, a statue of Chiang Kaishek gazed out towards the armed patrols of sandbagged military camps around Ma-Chinese mainland he vowed to reconquer by force, but which Taiwan now says it kung, capital of the Pescadores. "We have achieved great successes, especially in the wants to subvert by subtley means. economy, Even the mainland is using Taiwan as an exam-ple," Mr Lee, dressed in a

"This bridge can take the weight of a tank," said James Song, a grandee of Mr Lee's ruling Kuomintang Party, windbreaker and turtlenech shirt, told a meeting of besuit-"but that tank is to defend our country, not to do what tanks did in Tiananmen Square." "But there is one thing they

Echoing General Douglas MacArthur's reference to Taiwan, at the height of Sino-US antagonism during the Korean war, as an "unsinkable aircraft carrier", he said: "Taiwan is an unsinkable cruiser. Its name is free-dom and democracy."

progress from the family des-potism of Chiang Kai-shek towards full democracy as a nist Party, accused Washing-

dential nominee. Just as they [ at the Republican convention, ] tion. "It's deathwish time [ make an open appeal and Gen | He said it in November. ] entirom other pressures."

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### News in brief

Afghan rivals

AFGHANISTAN'S embat-din Rabbani, has won the backing of one of his main rivals, Western diplomats

said yesterday, predicting that the switch in loyalties would intensify the country's

16-year civil war, writes

Gulbuddin Hekmatyar,

long seen as the mojahedin faction leader most bitterly opposed to Mr Rabbani, has

pledged to support his forces fighting the Islamic Taliban

militia on several fronts south of Kabul, the diplomats

Flush with funds from Mr

Rabbani, Mr Hekmatyar has sent hundreds of fighters to

the capital, and is recruiting

more in neighbouring prov-inces, they said. Western intelligence sources said Mr Hekmatyar could raise 12,000 men to sup-port Mr Rabbani's Kabul gar-rison which they estimate at

rison, which they estimate at

up to 36,000-strong. The Taliban militia has

some 15,000 troops on the

Martin Bell on Brian Hulls

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said.

Gerald Bourke in Islamabad.

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## Jewish-born cardinal joins Immortals

FIFTY years after being hunted by French police because of his Jewish origins, the archbishop of Paris, Car-dinal Jean-Marie Lustiger, was yesterday admitted to the Académie Française, the Stablishop admitted to the Stablishop admitt

Establishment's inner circle, urites Paul Webster in Paris. The cardinal, aged 69, is a rabbi, the future cardinal was favourite to succeed the ailing Pope Jean-Paul, a promotion that could make him one of mother was deported and the few Jewish-born leaders | gassed in Auschwitz. His

area said.

plot to perpetuate the division of China. Beijing vilifies Mr Lee as the agent of an anti-In a visit to a 400-year-old of China, Beljing vilifies Mr Lee as the agent of an anti-Chinese conspiracy backed by the United States. Fighter planes from the nu-clear-powered US aircraft car-

temple honouring Matsu, the patron goddess of fishermen and Taiwan's most popular deity, Mr Lee cast himself as rier Independence, the ada modern-day saviour. vance guard of a huge armada Washington is assembling in

"Matsu will never abandon the people. Neither will I ... Next week you are going to the region, staged training flights in a show of force yesterday. The Makung High School all-girl marching band, per-forming for President Lee. show you live in a democratic Taiwan. You must elect a president who is responsible, who knows how to govern, and not someone who is going

will encourage conspiracy | to do silly things."

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"I'm tickled pink" **Army 'killers'** identified SURVIVORS of a massacre of Tamils, including OMINATIONS women and children, by ram-INCLUDING:BEST FILM paging government troops in eastern Sri Lanka have identified eight soldiers who carried out the killings, police said yesterday. They were remanded pending further inquiries into the February 12 deaths of 24 vil-AWARD lagers in the village of Ku-marapuram in Trincomalee NOMINATIONS district, a police officer in the INCLUDING:BEST FILM Twenty-six villagers were wounded in the attack. Tamil politicians and some of the wounded accused government troops of going on a GOLDEN GLOBE rampage after separatist Tamil Tiger guerrillas killed BEST FILM two soldiers earlier that day. The rebels have stepped up attacks in the east after the loss of their northern Jaffna town stronghold to govern-ment forces last December. CRITICS CIRCLE Nineteen weapons, includ-AWARDS ing four light machine-guns INCLUDING: FILM OF THE YEAR believed to have been used in the massacre, were sent for official analysis, the police ofcity's southern front, but it ficer said. He added that 97 can call on substantial soldiers took part in the iden-reinforcements. tification parade. -- Reuter. There are very few people behind the camera, which is the only place in this business P - ೧೯ ಮಾ ಅಗಿದೆಯ that really matters, with both NOW SHOWING the aptitude for war reporting MGM Trocadero MGM and the willingness to do it. 62 

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## **Guns kill, not just people**

Serious gaps in firearms control need plugging

THE Prime Minister travels to Dun- | parrots the empty American slogan of blane today. What can he offer the devastated Scottish community? At a dignified and impressive parliamentary question time yesterday, the Prime Minister rightly said he would be look-availability of guns in the US compared ing to see what help could be given to the injured and bereaved. Much counselling help is already to hand although cides caused by guns - only 10 per cent history suggests that as the horror of of the total — is our tight gun controls. the massacre recedes for the nation, the Tighter controls would reduce them funds for the necessary longterm counselling and support services will fade too. There is, however, one front on which he could move, even before the current controls which the police apply the public inquiry into Wednesday's mass killings announced yesterday reports. That is on gun control. Un-doubtedly he will be pressed by the Dunblane community on this issue. Let him remember that one of the most rigor him remember that one of the most therapeutic releases a devastated com- members of the public are given much munity can be given is the knowledge more perfunctory scrutiny. Only one that moves will be made to prevent a per cent of applicants are refused. Cur-repeat of their tragedy. Mr Major rently, there are almost one million should signal his support for plugging people licenced to hold a gun. the serious gaps in firearms control, which remain even after the tighter legislation that followed the 1987 Hungerford massacre.

est in the world, but that does not mean they can't be improved. Even more important than our laws was our anti- rigorous vetting procedure is needed to gun culture. Unlike the Americans, the British - with the exception of the Stalker, the former Greater Manchester traditional shooting community -- disliked guns. Criminologists have shown cern yesterday at the readiness of that even armed robbers in the past crown courts to overrule chief constawere wary of them, frequently carrying unloaded weapons or guns loaded with certificate. That appeal procedure blanks. The shotgun, a robber's favourite weapon in earlier decades, could not be more inaccurate. It was carried to control, not to kill. That culture has weakened over the last decade but could be reinforced by both legislative and regulative initiatives.

The British gun lobby, which now

..... An empty summit of peacemakers

Too much talk about war, not enough about peace

THE photo was the message at Sharm | pute. Significantly the final statement el-Sheikh this week where one Israeli avoided either issue. Instead it referred prime minister and 14 Arab leaders to the "current and pressing needs of gathered at the beckoning of one US | the Palestinians" - an indirect reproof president. Bill Clinton's own officials to Israel for the severity of its policy of a further escalation in gun-did not close over the symbolic nature blockeding the West Bank and Gaza.

"people not guns kill people", needs a robust reply. The reason why the American gun homicide rate is 150 times as to the UK. The main reason why we have such a low proportion of homiof the total - is our tight gun controls. even further. Of course some criminals

There are various loopholes to be closed. Individuals who join gun clubs do not need a personal firearms certificate yet membership gives them access British gun laws are among the tight- to guns and ammunition. All club members should need a personal certificate. More important still, a much more identify unsuitable gun holders. John deputy chief constable, expressed conbles' decisions to withhold a firearms needs looking at too. But above all, the firearms consultative committee needs to go back to fundamentals and review the "right-to-own" policy. Why not in-sist on all handguns being held by gunclubs? No one should be allowed to take them home. That just might have stopped the Dunblane killer.



### Letters to the Editor

## **Dunblane: the crying need to explain**

HEN blame is finally attributed, or evaded. over the issue of a firearms certificate to the evident social misfit who committed the Dunblane school massacre, will Parliament conveniently shelve consider-ation of the more basic matter of guns in the community and the nature of people attracted to owning them (Massacre of the infants, March 14)? A gun is essentially a A gun is essentially a weapon for killing or injuring another creature. Its appeal over many other lethal weapons is its ability to achieve this at a distance, conferring on its user greater personal safety. I have the gravest misgivings over the personality of someone at personality of someone at-tracted to the possession of such a weapon and am not wholly persuaded by the ar-guments of the target-shoot-ers. Technology affords us many safe and satisfying means of demonstrating our prowess at hand/eye/brain co-ordination without resort

to such weapons. If the authorities sincerely wish to avoid future Hunger-ford and Dunblane tragedies, they will need to take a much stronger line against the gun-owning, manufacturing and retailing lobby than their American counterparts have had the courage to do, or face

events. If we continue to puter games and in so much allow them easy access to this of our literature and myth, lethal weaponry, the grieving parents of Dunblane will not be the last to pay the price for our timidity. Terry Rand.

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HERE are no circum-stances in which personal ownership of guns cannot be effectively replaced by public or organisational ownership. Gun clubs could be approved owners, always retaining the weapons on their property; game shoots and sports shooting could be similarly con-trolled by the owners of such facilities and events; and the use of arms by farmers to put down pests and vermin could be catered for by placing arms in local police stations to be loaned on production of the necessary licence. T D Wilson. 9 Broomfield Road, Broomhill. Sheffield S10 2SE.

PHILOSOPHERS and theo-logians who speak of good and svil must explain gender difference in evil-doing. If God created both good and evil and light and dark, then he does not appear to have distributed them fairly be-tween females and males. We must look rather to social ex-planations, such as images of

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film and TV, teach what it is to be a "proper" man. Annette Lawson. Holly Lodge Gardens, London N6.

APPARENTLY Thomas Hamilton led a reason-ably competent, law-abiding existence, aside from alleg-edly sexually abusing little boys over many years. He seemed to faal structure seemed to feel strongly en-titled to fulfil whatever sexual urges he had, just because he had them. Paedophiles often vigorous

justify their sexual use of schools and children in our children but prosecuting them is still immensely difficult, and measures to im-prove the giving of evidence by children are still hardly implemented, nor is their evidence taken seriously enough. If it were, it is just possible that more paedophiles would get the message that they they are not entitled to abuse children. That wouldn't stop most but at least it might block the de-

velopment in some of resent-ment at being even mildly thwarted, which eventually crystallised so murderously in Thomas Hamilton. Una Freeley. Domestic Violence Drop-In,

London N8.

dent is every parent's, teach-er's and carer's worst poss-ible nightmare. Schools cannot become for-

The children of Dunblane Primary School will need time to express their grief and they will do so in many ways: withdrawal, denial, uncon-trollable outbursts. They will draw the events, have night-mares, write poems and let-ters to their lost friends, brothers disting

brothers, sisters, cousins. They will re-enact the incident through play. Schools, parents and au-thorities up and down the country will now start to ask themealizes how to make our themselves how to make our atmosphere essential for a healthy educational environn

I know at our school we will ocus on this issue over the coming months. Sam Curling.

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WE MUST set about in-stalling Closed Circuit Television and automatic security entry doors to all ject with the sensitivity of schools in Britain. With Steve Bell. CCTV any member of staff The five pages of reports saddened me, but it was the any caller before allowing them in. The cost could be my eyes.

tresses but they should have the same level of security as shopping centres, car parks and other public amenities al-ready served by CCTV. Wayne Daley. 15 Bondene Way. Hartford Chase.

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YOUR leader mentions some parallels between Hungerford and Dunblane: "strong community ties" can have only increased the pres-sure on ioners like Ryan and Hamilton, when despite the bonding of most of the popula-tion, they found themselves excluded.

A successful community is one which is able to reach out to everyone living in it, however unattractive they may

Adam Thomson. Rue A Lynen 8, 1210 Brussels.

DOUBT that many other Acartoonists dared to tackle the Dunblane massacre; I am

absolutely certain that none would have handled the sub-

of the proceedings: such a large gathering was, they said, little more than "a big photo opportunity." Nor did Israel deny that Mr Clinton's call was more a summons than an invitation: the ipants, including Mr Clinton, can honchance to take part in an occasion billed as "the summit of the peacemakers" was not something, said the Israeli spokesman, to be thrown into the wastepaper basket.

And the message beneath the photo? Electorally blessed are the peacemakers fer a more practical result on the summight be an appropriate caption. The mit. There is talk of overcoming tradimere fact of the meeting having taken | tional inter-agency suspicions to form a place is calculated to improve the chances at least of Shimon Peres (and | tween Israel and the US, with more possibly of Mr Clinton). However empty the proceedings, they do go some way to convey the impression of an Arab world, or parts of it, conferring a measure of approval on Mr Peres and the for such everyday (these days) necessipeace process. With the latest polls ties as bomb detectors and bomb-sniffshowing that even Israeli youth is turning towards the Likud opposition, he certainly needs all the help he can get. Mr Peres's own contribution to the summit was geared to a domestic audience. He lectured the Palestinians on their "obligations" to crack down on up will not be addressed by pieces of hi-"murderous command centres" in their midst, and he identified Iran as the summit did not talk less about "waging "spearhead" of terrorism in terms war" on terrorism, and more about how which most experts would firmly dis- to rekindle the mood for peace.

did not gloss over the symbolic nature blockading the West Bank and Gaza. The political reasons which have led Mr Peres to impose this new closure (modified only marginally on Wednesday) are evident. But none of the particestly believe that this type of collective Animal welfare punishment does anything but sow the seeds for more bitterness and violence.

Yesterday in Jerusalem Mr Clinton committed \$100 million of funds for what a maltreated species these amiable urbanites are anti-terror technology designed to conand that our main concerns for them are whether they are safe to eat or likely to infect ns with disease. counter-terrorism working accord be-Homing pigeons carrying messages saved thousands of lives in both world wars; the limited links to Jordan and the Palestinian Authority as a further objective. peck a key when they spot the bright orange colour of life Some practical aid will no doubt be vests — saving lives at sea — and they are still used to carry blood samples from hos-pitals to laboratories in emeruseful: Yasser Arafat himself has asked ing dogs. But it is pure illusion to gencies. On top of these hesuppose that an "anti-terror Interpol", roic achievements they are surely the most underpaid if it could be achieved, would do more road sweepers of all time. In a supposedly civilised society surely we can find bet-ter things to eat, though if you can't it is worth rememthan trim the margins of the problem. The reasons why young men and women volunteer to blow themselves tech equipment. It is a pity that the bering that you are more likely to catch salmonella and toxoplasmosis from undercooked, contaminated meat and your child is more likely

Any society will inevitably have its share of disturbed

HE recent pigeon kidnap-ping (March 9) underlines

Coast Guard train pigeons to

members, some of which will as an effective and good response to problems in com- ground last year. This inci- police stations which could Esser CO1 1WN.

white, working-class boys

I feel I can count myself as an

expert (Under pressure,

March 11). They are under-valued because they are

working class, their skills and ambitions are derided as infe-

rior to the aspirations of their

To aspire to become an elec-

trician or carpenter is not quite good enough to warrant

the same funding as a univer-sity humanities degree.

One of my sons started a

bricklaying course funded by the local authority where the

same bricks were used every day and the tutor rarely

middle-class counterparts.

HAD to deal with the sudviolence. Violence in chil-dren's comic strips, violence as an effective and good res-causes in the school play-

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met by the National Lottery. Schools should also have an 46 Victoria Quay,

Hidden costs of custody

Readbers of Andrew Ruth-Renford's powerful article (Enemy behind bars, March 13) might also consider the number of husbands and chilother "wars" the US adminis-tration is waging on its own people in the name of "security and defence". They wage war on native American people by keeping and testing nuclear weapons in the Ne-vada Desert. They wage war on the poor and disadvan-taged by starving them of resources (one in five US chil-dren lives below the poverty line) while still pouring money into the military and

narine system will be \$170.2 billion. The 18th sub will be launched this summer.

equality forgot that not all Hare Hill Road, men were on top of the heap; Littleborough, Lancs OL15 9HG. many were little more than

## until they see that society has no place for them and their dreams.

association.

Children growing up with a parent behind bars stand a good chance of suffering emotional and financial depriva-tion, added to which is often an ambivalent attitude to anti-social behaviour and the

response to the baying of the hanging and flogging brigade may yet prove to be a Pyrrhic

#### A Country Diary \*

.............................. GLOUCESTERSHIRE: The ef | the necessary preliminaries. ficient and well organised | Lambing pens, sterilised with shepherd knows to a day when each swe in the flock is when each ewe in the flock is due to lamb. This enables a chart on the kitchen wall to act as a running aide act as a running act as a running aide act as a running aide act as a running aide act as a running act as a running act as a running act as a running a running act as a running a running act as a running achieved by harnessing the wax loaded raddle on the ram and then counting 147 days from the time a wax mark appears on the rump of the ewe. There have been years when we have matched this recipe for organisational efficiency but this is not one of them. Young Jerry, the ram lamb charged with responsibility for impregnating the flock last autumn, was a bit on the small side and the leather harness which holds the block of wax on the chest would have needed more adjustments than I could contemplate when it mattered. So, although he no doubt got round the flock to satisfy the reproductive imperative we are in no way sure of when lambs will start to appear. However, we have completed

dren, by the wholesale incarceration of criminal wrongdoers. Imprisoning the father

and, perhaps, principal wage-earner, condemns families to a life of poverty, uncertainty and, frequently, guilt by

Michael Howard's macho victory.

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Jeyes fluid and ready for clean straw, have been pre-pared in the field shelter. essential protection against the clostridial diseases and, if you give it to the ewe in the spring before lambing. It protects her lambs until the autumn when they get a booster dose. We had this part well organised - I came home with a fresh 25-dose pack of Heptovac-P from the veterinary chill cabinet and a supply of disposable needles. Two mils in the neck muscle was harder than it sounds since getting through thick winter fleeces to find flesh on a morning when every ewe was coated in frost was not the easiest of tasks. But it also gave the chance to examine the undercarriage of each ewe to ascertain how close to lambing she was. At that stage three weeks off looked the best bet. As I write, we are still waiting. COLIN LUCKHURST

Why the Sri Lankans have hit the cricket establishment for six WHEN the West Indies won the first | position - including England and India

**Beyond the political boundaries** 

cricket World Cup in 1975, Sri Lanka — to reach this World Cup final. Their were simply there to make up the victims still find it hard to accept, as numbers. Yet in Lahore on Sunday Sri | English sulks and the hapless riots in Lanka will play Australia for the 1996 | Calcutta on Wednesday showed, but Sri world title. For a country which was Lanka are now one of the two or three not even admitted to the Test cricket | top sides in the world. It is a bit as arena until 1982, Sri Lanka's progress though Greece had brushed aside New in not much more than a decade is the Zealand and England to emerge as seristuff of legends. Fourteen years ago, England travelled unwillingly to Colombo, believing that such a match was beneath their strutting dignity. Today, England would travel just as unwillingly, mainly because the chances are that they would be soundly beaten by cultural aspirations. But these things the better team.

Sri Lanka's emergence is no one day cricket wonder. They have been Lanka's cricketing success seems steadily accumulating victories over most of the long-established cricket nations in tests and limited overs games alike. And they have powered tous - that they just have a very good their way past supposedly superior op | cricket team indeed.

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ous contenders for rugby's crown.

All of which raises the tantalising question - why? Nations - especially tyrannically ruled ones - have often tried to use sporting prowess as a means of promoting their political or are never tidy, else how could Brazil rule the football world so often? Sri equally hard to equate with its troubled and violent domestic politics. Perhaps the answer is simpler and less porten-

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F. as John Gardiner claims, (Letters March 12) hare coursing belps preserve hare populations, might one ask why it is that traditional coursing areas, such as the land around Altcar and Southport contain the fewest hares? Here in East Anglia, where such coursing as goes on is limited and illegal, we

to get a disease from his or her best friend than a pigeon.

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have the largest hare popula-tions in the country. There is evidence that large numbers of hares were trapped here to supply "sport" for the Water-loo Cup; the accounts for the event showing this merely as expenditure for "hare acquisition. Tony Green 63 Levington Road, Ipswich Suffolk IP3 ONH

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GEORGE Monbiot (Time to build peopletown, March 13) is right to urge a community-based approach to urban regeneration. So more power to his elbow in promoting communities and homes on vacant urban sites. However, even with the present market for brown-field sites, John Gummer believes that only half of the estimated 4.4 million new households can be accommodated in existing urban areas - and this might well go

down if there is a commercial imperative to develop these sites for other uses. So how do we accommodate all these extra households? Tim Cordy. Director, Town and Country Planning Association. 17 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AS.

idea (Letters, March 14)? The quotation, from Hamlet, runs: There's letters sealed ... For moon

turned up. This would not be Jacqueline Flanaghan. tolerated at university and is 97 Glebe Crescent,

a common attitude to voca-tional qualifications that is Essex CM8 2HZ.

and Guildenstern will carry to own explosive package. Chris Thorns. 17 Broom Acres Fleet, Hants GU13 9UU.

Urban warfare | In a word **B**RIAN Else (Letters, March 14) is not correct to say the bomber "hoist with [his] own at tupping time last autumn petard" is "attempting to scale the ramparts with the aid of a hoist": but what a delightful

tis the sport to have the engi-neer ... Hoist with his own petard: an't shall go hard ... But I will delve one yard below their mines ... And blow them at the Hamlet intends to rewrite the letter that Rosencrantz

of energy and enthusiasm

England, such that they rather than he will be executed: he intends to hoist (blow into the air) the bearers with their

No entrance for a tradesman S THE mother of four not found in the rest of Our prisons are overflow-ing with white working class in particular, nuclear weapons. The total cost of the Trident nuclear armed subboys and the Government plans to build more. Perhaps

we are waiting for a war be-fore these boys are worth spending any money on. Rae Street. Calder Cottage, The middle-class feminists in their justified clamour for

wage slaves. Working class boys are full

## Diary

#### Matthew Norman ................

N honour of Frank Bruno, I am compelled to begin today with a tediously hackneyed boxing metaphor. So, then, let's get ready to rumble. I am in-trigued to learn of a small but instructive fight between Labour, past and present. In the red corner, representing Old Labour. was George Galloway, the affable MP for Glasgow Hillhead; in the blue corner, fighting out of New Labour HQ in Millbank, was Derek "Dolly" Draper. an obliging lad who works in Mandy Mandelson's office. In a Soho bar last week, Dolly oozed up to George, and of-fered him £500 and some nice publicity for a cameo role in Annie's Bar, Channel 4's political soap opera. Reasoning that such appearances have done little for those (like Edwina Currie) who have made them, he refused. "May I say, George." said Dolly. "how wise your decision is? I should tell you that, in my capacity as a consultant to Annie's Bar, I have asked Mandy Mandelson to appear," he went on. "But in my capacity as assistant to Mandy, I have had to counsel him strongly against it." Loyalties here, loyalties there ... what a stretching thing it must be to serve as a soldier in New Labour.

OU. The Jury have given your verdict-and by a crushing margin of five to one, you have found him guilty of having a beard in 1972. Yesterday's exit poll exaggertaily being 256 against 46 (which equates to 35 per cent for the beards). As pre-dicted. Peter has refused to accept the verdict of You, The Jury. "It just goes to show." he said, "how deluded an electorate can be." Meanwhile, a woman claiming to have been "intimate" with him at York rang to back his denial. However, her refusal to give her name has fuelled speculation that someone put her up to the job.

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N the Whitewater trial in Little Rock, Arkansa the spotlight has picked out juror Barbara Adams, whose mode of dressing for court threatens her status. Miss Adams, a 31-year-old factory worker, arrives to hear evidence each day in the red and black polyester uniform of a Star Trek bridge officer. She had intended to wear full Klingon recalia, but the court felt this might be unseemly. It seems Miss Adams has accorum. "I always wear my uniform," she told reporters, "to formal proceed-"There is a chance. ings now that she has become a celebrity, that the defence will ask for Miss Adams. Commander of the Little Rock Federation Alliance. to be removed. This could be dangerous. Along with tricorder. scanner and com municator badge, a phaser gun never leaves her belt.

**Big Frank and the** Knickerbocker glory

something entirely different. Whatever the respective re-Commentary cords of Bruno and Tyson, you can never quite tell with nship boxing: that is part of its dubious charm. The only (fascinating) certainty is that triumph or destruction will make not a whit of difference to the roseate esteem the British public habitually extends to Frank Bruno. His panto bookings, ...................... his supermarket openings, his Questions of Sport and Christmas special appear-ances are safe for all time.

Solution of Sunday morning a flailing left book from the smaller hook from the smaller chap will land on, or in areas adjacent to, the jaw of the big-ger chap. At this point the repetitions of history may be expected to operate. The big-ger chap is bigger than ever, some two stones heavier than How, in conceivable logic, can this be so? The surrounding world does not love a loser. It prepares, elsewhere, to curry the sad Yorkshire pudding that is Raymond Il-lingworth's cricket managerwhen the pair last met seven years ago. He is also 34 now. ship. It piles abuse on the bowed head of Michael Atherover the slope of youthful resilience. The extra weight, like the passage of time, will not assist his speed of move-ment. Nor is it gathered as ton. Nobody wants, after Venables, to manage the England football team (unless Ken Clarke becomes suddenly available). British tennis is a his chin. There will therefore, as usual, be a sudden stiffensour joke. British rugby is a fumbling, leaden vale of tears. Why should Big Frank be ing to the legs. The head will go back, inviting further damdifferent? Ray Seitz has the answer.

age, whilst the arms are thrust pawing forward as though waving a protective blanket. Curtains. Or. of course, we may see

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Seitz, a State Department pro, was the last US Ambassador to the Court of King James. He's settled here to make money out of banking; and,

maybe, to set up as a kind of Alistair Cooke in reverse. In terpreting Britain to the Americans in graceful little radio essays. He finds our from Seattle to Miami. The Liberty. The greatest Ameri-can football teams never expe-(imperial) sporting past a ter-rible drag on present morale. The national games, one rience the humiliation of international defeat, for there is after another, are games we invented. A longer list than nobody to defeat them. Such you think. Everyone knows

about cricket, from the early mists of Kent in the four-Sport is one of teenth century to Hambledon and WG Grace. About rugby Britain's union, from the public school lad who picked up the ball and ran with it About soccer, intractable

and the tennis of Victorian lawns, and the royal and an-cient birth of golf (in Leith, not St Andrews, as a matter of But squash and table tennis

and — God bless the Duke of Norfolk - greyhound racing are ours too; not to mention hockey, unless you're an An-cient Egyptologist. In modern terms, we invented them all and exported them all. This is an appalling burden. The USA, as Seitz says, was infinitely smarter. You can

via John Arlott's Oxford (Companion) trace basketball back to the Yucatan in the seventh century BC or play "catch-baskets" with Omar why of what America plays constantly reinforces the American dream. The implicit assumption - even in Olympic trials - is that the Khayyam. In any case, it's not from our basket. The makers

to playing by precisely simi-lar rules: only opponents who cannot win make the fixture halled from a different planet. Baseball, to be sure, was nicked from rounders in the early 19th-century, but the New York Knickerbockers made it an entrely construct list in the first place. One myth of invincibility reinforces another. made it an entirely separate Here's where Big Frank has field of dreams. it made. Marquess of Queensweight boxing — in cash and legend — is an American These variants, with minor exceptions, have not been exported. They have become ef-fectively indigenous sports game. He, like Oasis or Blur, played mostly in America. In reality, the baseball "World Series" only covers cities may be allowed to play there without fear of humiliation.

rugby union in the 20 years around the turn of the cen-tury and changed it so utterly that William Webb Ellis

Success is not winning but taking part. The last immor-tal, Henry Cooper, is fondly cherished for doing rather well before Cassius Clay world" stops at the Statue of knocked him out. But the rest are our games

But the rest are our games. We have to play them con-stantly against whippy Sri Lankans or raw-boned New Zealanders. We struggle to beat the Dutch at cricket. We aren't worthy of decent seed-ing in the European football club. Fiji or Argentina can give us the rueby shakes.

give us the rugby shakes. Swedes leave our tennis starproblems, rather ets for dead. It is a chronicle of unique like an everlasting gloom. Around the globe, in poll after poll, people are go-ing off politics and professing Maastricht IGC

themselves far more inter notions, including the Seitz ested in leisure and sport. They are, in sum, switching theory, are not intended to be extrapolated with mechanical precision. The occasional from the contemplation of intractable problems to the im-Davis Cup or Ryder Cup reverse can indeed produce occasional spasms of selfmersions of entertainment. But sport is one of Britain's intractable problems, rather like an everlasting Maas-tricht IGC: a feelgood patch doubt. Too many good Cana-dian ice hockey players bring convulsions. Nevertheless, the who and

condemned by history to leave us feeling lousy. What's to do? Tuck your chin in, use your weight, keep off the ropes. But above all, as the next wave of depression rolls in: don't forget to duck, 'Arry.

Trends shows that the recent growth has been among people younger than that, and particularly men. It predicts that this shift will continue. By the year 2011 such lone men are expected to form the largest group of one-person It is a form of social atom-

isation. After the nuclear family, nuclear fission. In the jigsaw of contemporary soci-ety, it is a change at least as significant as the spread of urban wastelands like those where James Bulger's young killers grew up. Because it is less concentrated, it has been less noticed.

ONE mothers at least have their children to tie them to a wider world. But lone men, especially if they are unemployed, may have nothing The back streets of the shab bier ends of every British town are evidence of the elabit was too late, and the chips were already down. The deorate communities of fantasy that men create as substibate would then be thrown open to the floor. Antonia would suggest Le Caprice, ar-guing that it represented an entirely open society at a price tutes: martial arts centres, porn shops, tattoo parlours. Plus the erotica, often spiced up with violence, on the top shelf of your neighbourhood newsagent's or video store. Plus the extraordinary ease of buying drink almost everywhere, to help you sit at home and brood on all this. For some, guns and knives become part of the dream: the cinema of fantastic action that unrolls inside their head, with themselves as hero. Billy Liar gone bad. ITV cancelled its Wednes-day-night screening of an ill-timed title, Licensed To Kill. The video release of Natural Born Killers, intended for next week, has been post-poned. Notoriously, sociologists and psychologists have failed to come up with proofs that tie the watching of violence to the perpetration of violence. Yet in every other segment of life we assume that similar influences exists. (Are feminists wasting their breath in pressing for less passive portrayals of women? Or political parties in pursuing equal TV time?) The mistake, probably, is to put the issue too narrowly. For the true impact of reading about, and watching, violence, you have to look at the entire social setting: the sea in which we all swim, like fish. The idea of violence becomes routine. I write as a libertarian. People should be allowed to go to Hell their own way. But to plunge others into "a medieval vision of Hell" (in one Dunblane ambulanceman's words) is something else again. It is time for liberals as well as conservatives to ask them-selves some difficult questions. For example: has the video player, where isolated moments can be played and re-played indefinitely, changed the old assthetic argument about seeing violence "in context"? Harmless rifle clubs have existed for years, but what about those that feed the new gun culture of wouldbe Travoltas or Schwarzeneggers? Does anyone at all, except the army and, sometimes, the police have any good reason for having a enn' I yield to no one in my dislike of Michael Howard's Home Secretaryship. But it is important to remember that, in addressing the wish most people have - to feel safe -he is speaking to real fears. In seeking alternative answers to his, you cannot ignore the changed context. Principles may remain the same. The society in which to try to apply them doesn't.

## of American Football took | United States is the world, **Out to lunch** and can thus never be worsted. The Pentagon — see Gre-nada or Somalia — has taken with Harold and Antonia



**COMMENT AND ANALYSIS 9** 

Bel Littlejohn

paid tribute to the last great Democratic president of the US, Jimmy Charter. NOTHER day, another A high-powered set lunch for like-minded radi-And so to the Common Sense Club, a gang of republicals in a discreet but far from uninteresting new restaurant. There comes a time in every-one's life when you've simply got to sit down and be counted. Change is gonna come, sang the late, great Marvin Gaye. The format is simple. First, you change for lunch. And then you lunch for change. It's worth it, you know, even if you don't get much change out of £30 a head, excluding service. In-tended result? A complete overhaul of our outdated hierarchical structures, and the prospect of a truly modern,

democratic republic by the year 2000. It's an open secret that I was a founder-member of what is now acknowledged as one of the greatest of our post-war radical lunch groups, the Campden Hill Square Set. Held in Ms Lady Antonia Fra-ser's home, not much more than a mile or so from Acton and only four miles in a cab from Brixton, it consisted of people like John Mortimer and Melvyn Bragg — people very, very peckish for change. Those were the days. We would arrive at 12.30 for 1.00 in smart-but-casual wear. So as to cut down on the cost of clothes, our treasurer, David Hare, had arranged a 10 per cent discount at all Nicole Fahri outlets for all members on production of a current membership card. Our coats would be taken by Ms Lady Antonia Fraser's co-workers.

Dolores and Felipe, who would then retire to the kitchen to continue their discussions on workers' rights. At 1.00 sharp, the debate would start. John Mortimer would propose Leoni's Quo Vadis. Too far too soon, David would counter: we wouldn't arrive at our destination until

cans who believe passionately that the people should wrest democratic power from the élite. We meet regularly in Charlotte Street's exclusive L'Etoile, always in a private room so that ordinary diners won't overhear our democratic discussions - or worse. be tempted to join in. Basically, we are all fiercely anti-monarchist, none more so than that great republican po-lemicist Tony Holden, author of Charles: Prince Of Men (1972), Charles And Diana: A Marriage Made In Heaven (1961), Charles And Diana: A Crowning Love (1989), God Bless You, Ma'am: A Celebra-tion of Queen Elizabeth, the

Queen Mother (1991), Prince Edward: TV Producer Of Genius (1994) and most recently, The Monarchy: A Serious Reappraisal (1996), in which he argues that an absurdly rosy, cosy view of the Royal Family has been foisted on the people by unscrupulous journalists, interested more in profit than in truth.

Tony chaired our last meet-ing of the Common Sense Club. The debate started as we were taking our seats. "These chairs are a bit uncomfortable, aren't they? Can I put it to the membership of the Common Sense club to vote for a change of chairs?" demanded Professor Stephen Haseler. On a point of information, Michael Mansfield then kindly pointed out that the chairs were still stacked on each other top-tobottom: the Professor had been attempting to sit on the up-turned legs. But before long the Common Sense Club got into its stride. "A grown-up, educated people simply doesn't need the deference to so-called superiors with fancy titles!" I

announced, bravely. Over pudding. Tony Benn had an announcement to make: "You may remember at our last meeting we sanctioned a letter to Her Majesty explaining our brave stand against the



fact).

UNIOR transport minspoke yesterday lunchtime to one of his favourite bodies. Among the many important fiscal points expertly covered in his speech to the Institute of Economic Affairs were the following: eliminating florist's bills by growing your own roses in a window box; purchasing chocolates and other confections wholesale in bulk: booking weekend country house hotel breaks at apex rates; and saving on restaurant bills by knowing how to customise Marks and Spencers meals so they look home made.

EANWHILE, also in central London yes-terday lunchtime. John Wells was giving an address at Wesley's Chapel. Last week's speaker was Tony Benn; next week it's Norman Lamont, and the one after it's ... Good Lord, it's someone listed as plain and simple "Frankie Fraser". This is a very serious error of styling. Other speakers are given their correct titles - John Pat-ten is "Rt Hon", for instance, while the Archdeacon of York is "The Ven George Austin - so where the bell is Frankic Fraser's Mad? Paul Hulme, the Weslevan minister, who has in-vited Mad Frankie back after his triumph there last year, has clearly taken a liberty. Let us pray that, for the reverend's sake, it is not construed as diabolical.



A .KRAVE

# Loner in our midst

Families moved to Dunblane to escape the cities but horror pursued them. Paul Barker asks what society can do in the reasonable pursuit of safety

IKE THE killing of young James Bulger in Liverpool. the tragic deaths in Dunblane make it questions about what sort of reasing To the sort of the sort

precisely the kind of small town or village that families move to in order to escape the society we are creating. To ask them is not to try to perceived menace (and poor diminish the terrible particuschooling) of the cities: Hert-ford or St Albans outside Lonlarity, the appalling uniqueness, of the crime committed against those small children and their teacher in Primary don: Hebden Bridge or Saddleworth outside Manchester; and, in Scotland, One. Nor is it to seek to soften Dunblane, midway between Thomas Hamilton's guilt, nor Glasgow and Edinburgh. to play down the heart-rend-Here, population is growing as the cities shrink. It is why ing grief of families he cal-lously shattered. Sociology must not erase individuality. Dunblane primary school is so large. If such horrors pur-But crimes, even the worst sue us even here, where can and most seemingly inexplicawe be safe?

ble, don't happen in a vacuum. These killings are at the The mursuit of safety is other end of the social and often mocked. One of the ac-geographical spectrum from cusations — mostly with the Bulger murder. That was overtones of snobbery —

Lakeside, Thurrock, is that them. Nor, under an older they are a poor parody of a system, was any courtroom traditional city street. But Jane Jacobs, an early heroine When I was a teenager my When I was a teenager my mother came home one night, of the urban conservation movement, wrote that "the worried that a man had been following her menacingly along a dark, quiet road. I bedrock attribute of a suc-cessful city district is that a rang the police. They found him hiding behind a wall, person must feel personally secure among all these strangers". Enclosed and took him down to an even quieter part of the village and video-scrutinised, the shopbeat him up. "He won't do that again." they said. No one, especially not us, ping nall makes people, and especially women, feel safe. No need to carry bags slung across your chest. In a glasscomplained.

A loner, once, was locked into a close network of social sided lift, no fear of assault. Thomas Hamilton, how ever, was not a stranger. Though he was widely known locally as an oddball, nothing control. For better or, sometimes, for worse. But this is not the way we chose to live would have made Dunblane now. You read all too much about the rise in the number secure from him. The police, I of lone mothers. (The statishope, will not this time get tics are exaggerated, for diftheir routine allocation of ferent reasons, by both left blame for not having put him inside, or not refusing him a firearms certificate, after acand right.) You read little about the rise in the number cusations of indecency with of men living on their own. boys. As David Rose points out in his excellent new book, Last year, more than a quarter of households in Great Britain consisted of one In The Name Of The Law, the standards of evidence person living alone. This is required to get a conviction

double the proportion a generation ago, in 1961. (If we have grown ever higher. Revealingly, when the local council refused Hamilton perhave a housing shortage, it is due to this continuing break the Bulger murder. That was overtones of snobbery — mission to run a boys club in up.) At present, most of those a crime which spoke tamong against the burgeoning out-of a hall of theirs, he turned to who live alone are women old the institute of other things) of the thread town shopping centres like the local-government Omenough to draw their pension. Studies and the hare realities of life in the Meadowhall. Sheffield, or budsman and overturned but the latest edition of Social New Society

Paul Barker is a senior fellow of the institute of Community Studies and former editor of

Monarchy. I'm now delighted worth paying. She would then be shouted down by Harold, who favoured the strong. more directly peasant-like fla-vours issuing from the River Café. Passions would now be at their height Harold would walk out, saying that choosing Quo Vadis would be just like bombing Hanoi all over again,

Campden Hill Square Set ing like knowing your efforts achieved its aim of becoming are appreciated by the people the forum for civilised debate who really matter.

to say we have received a hand-written reply from Buckingham Palace thanking us on behalf of the Queen, no less, for our kind letter, confirming she read it with the very greatest of interest and wishing us all the very best of luck with our project." He then passed the letter around for us all to look only more expensive. Contrary to what its critics would have us believe, the Take it from me, there's noth-

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## **10 OBITUARIES**

### **J A Cuddon**

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### **Brian Hulls**

By definition, a bookman

died in London aged most pungent flavours are 67, was probably provided by chance encoun-best known for his ters and deliberate digres-Dictionary Of Literary Terms, slons. These vary the travelbut he was also a man of ogue with in effect, miniature multifarious talents and a essays on a range of topics compelling range of interests. from bores to cicadas, from

The Dictionary, first pub the history of prostitution to lished in 1977, is indeed a con-siderable book. Scholarly, review of the book expressed lucid and user-friendly, it is stamped with its author's per-sonality: his laconic wit, his "remains one of the world's lucid and user-friendly, it is tersely elegant prose-style, his most fascinating cities ... J A liking for stray items of recondite knowledge. The lists of ex- ing an author. He seems to atamples suggest a man wellread not only in the English a knife-fight on page 4, a sui-canon but in world literature cide on page 63, and is struck and contemporary writing by lightning when he ventures and contemporary writing too. He was up to date in other ways as well. Asked to expand the book to meet the booming demand for literary theory, he buckled down with characteristic grit and learned the sub-ject from scratch. The 1991 revised edition is a monument to that labour.

Still more impressive, though, is his work as a travel writer, now much neglected. Outstanding in this field is The Out's Watchsong: A Study Of Islanbul (1960). This was his first book and to my mind his best. His descrip-

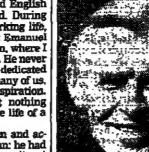
HE WRITER JA | tions of the city and its history | he was educated at Douai be Cuddon, who has are memorable, but the book's fore going on to read English at Brasenose, Oxford. During the whole of his working life, 1954-93, he taught at Emanuel School, South London, where I was briefly his pupil. He never pretended to being a dedicated eacher and yet, to many of us. he was a constant inspiration. He made you want nothing more than to live the life of a writer He was also a keen and a complished sportsman: he had represented his university at cricket, rugby and bockey and

shocking

Cuddon is almost as fascinathe continued these activities at Emanuel, mainly as a coach to the senior teams. He also tract excitement. He witness produced a handful of plays at out into Thrace." West was spot on. "Charles"

Cuddon, as his friends called him, could not have been more fascinating: erudite, genial, stoically courageous (especially during his last illness), a passionate lover of words and one of nature's unconscions egalitarians. He was born in Plymouth in 1928, the son of a distinguished briga-dier and a former nurse, from

A serious Roman Catholic.



Cuddon . . . lover of words

the school, introducing a very conservative institution to These are mostly on Catholic themes of sin and redemption; they clearly took off from the Pinter, Ionesco and Genet when they were still new mporary fashion for Graenough to seem a little ham Greene and François Mauriac, but the manner of them is distinctively his own. They are more richly written than Greene's novels and, de-spite a damaging penchant for The theatre was his great disappointment. His associa-tion with the English Stage Company under George De-vine led to the production of melodrama, are more reflec-

his play, The English Alliance, at the Royal Court in 1961. But tive. Most of them develop from the tension between engagement with the world and desire for withdrawal, and the despite more than a dozen subsequent attempts, he never met with dramatic success. He prose is at its most forceful did, however, publish five novels between 1961 and 1967. and eraceful when such issues are at stake. Yet for all their

merits, they are not satisfac- | talents never quite found their tory novels. There is often uncertainty about point of view. Much the best of them, Testament Of Iscariot (1962) - the confessions of an accomplished egoist who sees his life as a series of betravals - succeeds through its consistency of focus. Two other books deserve

mention. The Companion Guide To Jugoslavia (1968). finally thrown out of print by the Bosnian war, is a model of its kind: informative about restaurants, bus routes and the dates of castles, it is also an absorbing read, ideally suited for the journey out or bed-time on the eve of an excursion

Like The Dictionary Of Lit-erary Terms, it is full of wit, wisdom and out-of-the-way information. The same is true of the massive Macmillan Dictionary Of Sport and Games (1980). The entries on some of the major sports -- 12 double-column pages on cricket stick in the mind are really essays of historical and cultural interest, though the humour always ensures a sense of proportion

Yet despite the rich variety of Cuddon's achievement his friends tend to agree that his

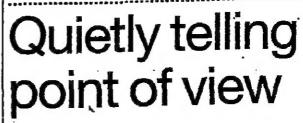
natural outlet, except perhaps in his very first book. It was commonplace to hear him described as a remarkable man He was, for instance, a wonderful conversationalist he wore his learning lightly and excelled as a raconteur. His manner of speaking — a gift to affectionate schoolboy mim-icry — was revealing of his character and outlook. His sentences were spontaneously stylish, his choice of words unaffectedly felicitous, yet all that he said seemed edged with a certain gruffness, as if to remind himself that lan-

guage had its limits. Whether teaching pupils or among his peers, he seemed wholly un-aware of his own distinction - which was, perhaps, the secret of his charm.

After a more or less bohemian early manhood, he mar-ried in 1974. His relationship with his wife, Anna, was warm and close and one felt the strength of their mutual support. He leaves two daughters and one son.

#### **Clive Wilmer**

John Anthony Bowden Cuddor writer and teacher, born June 2 928; died March 12, 1996



RIAN Hulls, who has us. Courage can be as conta-died of cancer aged gious as panic, and courage gious as panic, and courage . was what he communicated. 48, was a centleman it steadied us all.

cameraman - a The enemy of good reportspecies I had thought to be exing is not censorship but cynitinct until I met him, which cism - the cynicism that can was well into his second or lurk in the heart of journal-ists and on which they even third career. He started with the BBC as a trainee film edipride themselves. Brian tor, but decided early on that he would rather be shooting would have none of it. He was personally and passionately committed to presenting his own images than trimming someone else's. these wars as unflinchingly Such was the politics of television that he had to go as he found them. His career freelance to do this, and a freelance then as now was most in demand in uncom-

fortable and dangerous places. Brian was helped by his fluency in languages, including Dutch and Arabic, and his extraordinary ability to blend into his surround ings. This was as important

on the rim of the supposedly civilised world - from Tebe-ran to Venice Beach, California - as the technical skills of which he was also a master. He operated best alone, or in quiet company. Garrulous reporters or over-anxious producers would be put in their places by quite the most elo-quent silence in the business. He knew more than they did, and could express it better. mid-career Brian In

switched from the exotic loca-tions in which he specialised to the relative serenity of Plymouth and Yeovil, as cameraman for the regional ITV company TSW. If it was a

Hulls.

made his reputation. He was well on the wrong side of 40 which is the only place in this business that really matters, with both the aptitude for war reporting and the willingness to do it. We had but three or

made up in impact for what it lacked in length. His bestremembered achievements. among many, were a Pan-orama in February 1993 which communicated the realities of the Bosnian war by the sheer force of its images, and a documentary of

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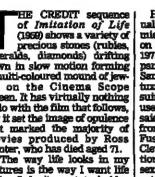
Martin Bell

cameraman, born August 15, 1947; died March 13, 1996

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## **Ross Hunter**



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**Dan Glaister** 

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## **Tomorrow: Branded Blyton a multi-media craze**

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# FinanceGuardian

SFA completes list of merchant bank's executives to face discipline 
Process 'not a witch-hunt' | Notebook

# **Barings action 'imminent'**

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CTION is imminent against for-mer executives of Barings, the mer-chant bank whose £800 million collapse rocked the City a year ago, according

to authoritative sources. The Securities and Futures Authority, which polices stockbroking and commod-

ties trading, has completed a list of those who will be facing discipline. SFA investigators began in-

scrutinised by SFA lawyers keen to ensure that disciplinary action is not open to challenge in the courts. Twelve executives, includ-

ing former deputy chairman Andrew Tuckey and Peter Norris, former chief execu-tive of investment banking, were at the heart of the in-quiry, which broadened out to include a raft of present and former Barings management.

auries in March last year, It is thought that some of immediately after Barings was brought to its knees by the reckless gambles of its sented by heavyweight legal

Singapore-based "rogue advisers, which has had the would face the full severity of trader", Nick Leeson. Their effect of delaying the start of the SFA's disciplinary pro-report was completed in Jan-uary, since when it has been But the Guardian has At its most stringent, this learned that a list of those to face disciplinary hearings has

peen completed, and action is imminent, probably within the next fortnight. In August last year, the agency made it clear it had split its inquiries into two tiers, one looking at "culpable" and the other looking at

those whose general incompe-tence and fecklessness unwittingly helped Mr Leeson's fraudulent trading. The latter, it said, would find the renewal of their li-cences to practice "far from

routine", while the former

process can result in offenders being stripped of their SFA membership effectively for life, thus throwing them out of the City.

Because these powers are so wide, they are open to chal-lenge in the first instance be-fore an SFA appeal tribunal and then in the ordinary courts, under judicial review. For this reason, it is thought, SFA lawyers have been keen to ensure all cases are as

watertight as they can be. The SFA has promised all along that the process will be fair and not a witch-hunt.

running of Mr Leeson's Singapore offshoot were placed "in suspension", which prevented them engaging in any SFA-regulated activity.

This suspension was in-tended to last until the Board of Banking Supervision pub-lished its own report on the affair, which it did in the that the deregulation task summer. Thenceforward, the SFA began the long process of clearing or otherwise each individual member. The SFA was keen to learn why it was not informed of the findings of an internal report in sum- not box-ticking enforcement".

At the time of the rescue of mer 1994, which warned that Barings by Holland's ING bank, all top managers at Bar-ings linked in any way to the The Deputy Prime Minis-

ter, Michael Heseltine, last night conceded that the complicated system of financial regulation might need to be updated, but he ruled out

revision this parliament writes Patrick Donovan. He told a London confer ence on financial regulation force was reviewing rules on "detection, investigation and Alex Brummer prosecution of certain forms of financial malpractice". He HE timing of last night's suggestions for a vastly increased role for the Sesaid he wanted to create a financial market place "that curities and Futures Authorencourages innovation and ity, put forward by its former chairman Christopher Shar-

ples, could hardly have been better. As we report, the SFA's inquiry into the Bay-

ings affair is about to result in disciplinary action against those believed culpable. Fur-

thermore, the extreme care taken by the agency's lawyers ought to ensure that the hearings are scrupulously fair and

that the opportunities for legal challenge are limited. Mr Sharples's ideas, how-

part on a peculiar feature of the 1986 Financial Services

Act by which regulation of

market participants is sepa-rated from regulation of the marketplaces in which they

operate. The former is the function of the SFA, the latter

of the individual exchanges

from the mighty London Stock Exchange to the Inter-

national Petroleum Ex

change, London Metal Er-

political desire to maintain some sort of regulatory func-tion for the Stock Exchange

after Big Bang - has proved illogical. Abusers of the mar-

ket may face disciplinary

action from both the SFA and the relevant exchange, s state of affairs that weakens the

change and so forth. This division — which may well have been prompted by a

popular. But MGN's apparent inability to expand into terrestrial television should also rule out the much-talked-of possibility that Carlton — which owns the London week-day franchise as well as Cen-tral — or someone similar will mount a bid.

MGN counters with the proposition that a bidder could do the fashionable thing and "warehouse" or sell one or more of the newspaper titles in order not to breach the new ownership regulations. This is, of course, an option also open to David Montgomery and his board at MGN if they fancy a tilt at full control of Scottish TV. But with better times for news-papers now on the horizon and the licence to print money within ITV looking more endangered, Mr Montthat whingeing and keeping his fingers crossed for rescue by a future Labour government is currently the better

### ever, have little relation to the outcome of the Barings hearings. They focus in large **Critical branding**

part of valour.

EGAL & General chief executive David Prosser deserves a medal for being the only senior official in the bancassurance business not to announce that his group is seeking an acquisi-tion among the shrinking band of insurance and build ing society mutuals. Instead. L&G seems intent on improving its market share and position in an industry which is currently in turmoil as a result of both regulatory con-cerns and competition.

At a first glance of profits in the last financial year, L&G appears to have have emerged from the thicket rather well. Profits on the company's worldwide operations climbed sharply by 51 per cent to £271.3 million: very impressive except the figures are greatly flattered by strong investment gains in the iv an

ums of £123 million against

£185 million were down. In terms of new business PEPs

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## **Mystery Swiss** role played in **Glaxo** tax row

#### **Roger Cowe**

N obscure Swise com-A pany, secretly at the centre of Glazo Wellcome's global commercial op-erations since the 1960s, is being investigated by the In-land Revenue in its lengthy

dispute with the drugs group over internal pricing. The company, Adechsa, manages product distribution in the world's biggest drug company. Its existence is ac-

week said: "It's part of a margin of 2.3 per cent. golden triangle, together with Because of limited Swiss

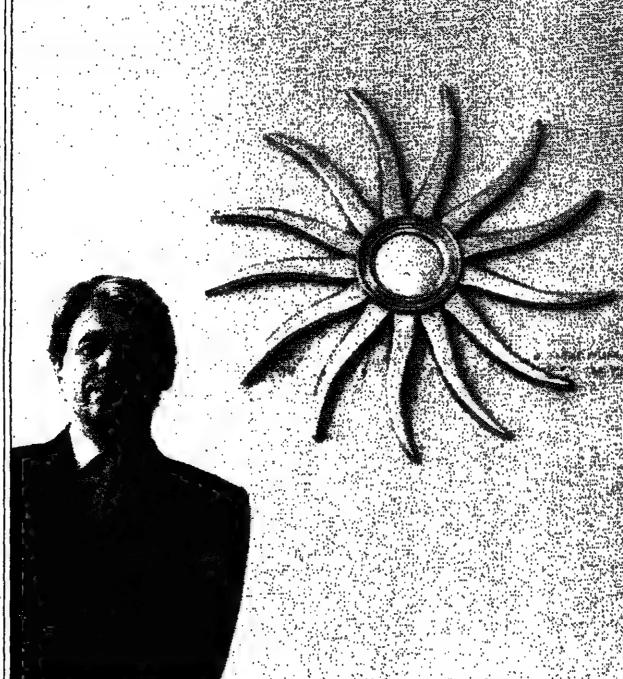
cause it is involved in virtually all sales and all countries where Glazo operates. Adechsa was set up in 1964, when Glaxo was beginning to move from its base in infant milk production into pharma-centicais. In the early 1980s the company was put at the centre of the group's growing commercial network.

the Swiss issue could be more

substantial than Singapore, be-

It is responsible for buying all products from Glazo Wellcome's factories, selling to knowledged only in the list of marketing organisations subsidiaries in the group's around the world, and orgaannual accounts. It is de scribed as a trading company. One senior accountant this prices, taking a gross profit

golden triangle, together with Because of limited Swiss the Singapore manufacturing disclosure, it is not possible to and the Bermuda investment operation, which has nothing to do with the business of fore the Wellcome takeover making drugs. Because of the were \$5.6 billion. A 2 per cent secrecy, investors cannot margin on the wholesale





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price would amount to sev fathom the impact of these activities on earnings per share. eral hundred million pounds Anything could be happening Adechsa is also responsible eral hundred million pounds and nobody would know. The Inland Revenue has

been challenging the group's declared UK profits for almost 20 years. An attempt by the company to stop the Revenue contesting tax payments be-fore 1986 was defeated last Novembe

Glaxo's Singapore manufacturing operation, which oper-ated tax-free until 1992, has been thought to be the focus for the dispute, but profits from the Swiss trading operation are also at issue.

Roger Emerson, Glazo di-rector of tax and treasury, said yesterday that Switzerland was not a substantial part of the dispute.

for managing foreign exchange risk. Mr Emerson said the operation had not been based in Switzerland for tax purposes. Tax benefits were reduced by rules requiring foreign sub sidiaries of British companies

to remit dividends to the UK. "We chose Switzerland because it needed to be in Europe but outside the EU to avoid VAT problems. If we started again, I don't know if we would put it in Switzerland."

Adechsa's growth is illustrated by its reported taxable income, which grew from 11 million Swiss francs (£6.25 million) in 1987 to 44

One tax accountant said that | million francs in 1993.

Summy spells ... BTR's Ian Strachan saw increased profits despite alow growth in many markets

## Brittan gainsays |BTR digs in for 'great escape'

#### Julie Wolf in Brussels

IR Leon Brittan yes terday broke ranks with the European Commission and backed the British government view that there is no need for a new exchange rate mechanism to link currencies that take part in mone-tary union with those that remain outside. In a speech to the Royal

Institute of International | mechanism, he had made a robust defence of the com Affairs in London, Sir Leon, mission's stance on EMU. a vice-president of the com-The commission last year mission, predicted that Gersaid in a policy paper that EMU would have to be acmany and France would meet the tough Maastricht conditions for taking part companied by a system similar to the present ex-change-rate mechanism. In economic and monetary union by 1999.

He spoke out against the This would sim to ensur blanket opposition to Brit-ish participation in EMU of outside EMU do not drop the Tory Euro-sceptics, saying that Britain would face the single currency. higher interest rates and But the Chancellor, Keninflation if it stayed outside the single currency.

But Sir Leon dismissed as revamped ERM. "greatly exaggerated" Others in the EU are exfears of competitive devalupected to support the idea of ations and a crumbling single market because a new ERM. although much some countries failed to depends on what kind of system emerges. So far, there are no specific commission join economic and monetary union at the start.

He said there was no need | proposals, but the matter is "to create a uniform ex-change rate regime for those outside [EMU]. It is far from clear that this would be either appropri-sentor EU monetary offi-sentor EU monetary offi-sentor EU monetary offiate or helpful."

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ate or helpful." cials are working on plans In his speech, Sir Leon calling for a series of differplayed down the effect that | ent exchange rate bands.

EU line on pound Paulina Springett NDUSTRIAL conglomerate slower economic growth would have on the ability of BTR yesterday unveiled a 6 per cent rise in pre-tax France and Germany to profits for 1995 at £1.5 billion | dull," he said. meet conditions in the and pledged to pursue a strategy of focusing on its core

Maastricht treaty. A commission spokesman said Sir Leon was speaking in a personal capacity. Ac-The results were broadly in line with market expectations following the profits warning cording to commission sources. Sir Leon had been asked to change the text of issued by the group last De-cember and the shares rose his speech. The spokesman said, however, that apart 13.5p to close at 335p. Chief executive lan Stra chan said the results had tinue in 1996." been achieved despite slow The business from Sir Leon's comments on a future exchange-rate growth in many of its con-

markets and he warned of gregates, healthcare, and con-continuing difficulties this sumer products, as well as the year. "The markets in which sportswear operation Dunlop Slazenger. The disposals programme has continued apace this we operated in 1995 were, in our view, disappointingly Last year BTR sold 20 nonyear, with the recent sale of Pilkington's Tiles. It appears core businesses which "did

not fit" and bought 11 others. "The last twelve months have been a period of increasing strategic focus. The result is a group which is closer to its core and which has a clear vision of its future. We expect this level of activity to con-

struction and automotive | ety of activities, including ag- | for sale. However, he conceded that that it was "not a core business. It produces plastic, a commodity, and we don't like to be subject to commodity cycles," he said.

BTR said further growth would come from productivlikely that the company may also be seeking a buyer for its Taiwanese polymer plastics business which produced disappointing results due to falling demand and weak prices. Mr Strachan said that busi-ness, which accounts for about 3 per cent of total sales, The businesses which were was under close scrutiny but cent at the end of 1994 with sold were involved in a vari- would not confirm it was up net debt at £2.8 billion.

ity gains and cost cuts. Mr Strachan acknowledged there would be job cuts although he declined to say how many. BTR has yet to reap the benefits of its £2 billion purchase of its minority stake in the Australian BTR Nylex subsid-iary. That helped push gear-David Gow ing to 107 per cent from 35 per

#### helped by TV advertisebiscuit, the Mini Jaffa, a "fun ments featuring comedians size" version of that hardy pe-rennial, the Jaffa Cake, and Harry Enfield and Paul Whitehouse - continue to sell

well, as do Skips, Frisps and the Phileas Fogg range. The outlook still looks bleak for plain old KP Crisps, under an onslaught from

today. But senior officials of Walkers Crisps, whose Gary the works council at Fokker's Lineker advertisements made it market leader. Promoheadquarters at Schiphol airport, Amsterdam, said pri-vately they were convinced of tional drives are promised for the KP Nut range, whose the firm's inevitable banksales have slid in a generally falling market, and for the ruptcy Penguin chocolate biscuit.

Yesterday's statement, which also included a divi dend cut, was a classic "kitchen sink job" - trade jargon for a company getting as much bad news off its chest as it can in one go. The ploy had the desired ef

regulatory chain of command while putting accused parties in double jeopardy. Merging the SFA into a Trading and Markets Authorfact some of the underlying figures look considerably less impressive. Stripping away ity, as Mr Sharples suggested in his speech to the Moores investment gains, underwrit-ing profits in the UK slumped Rowland commodifies conferto £5.4 million from £33.9 milence, would put under one roof the regulation of firms, lion last time. The property insurance account also the surveillance of the market showed reduced profits. place and - with reference to On the life and pensions side of the business, invest-Barings -- the monitoring of financial risk. From the point ment gains again bolstered of view of the investor and the data. New annual premifriendly foreign regulators

#### **Mirror images**

ACED with Gransda's pre-emptive move on Yorkshire-Type Tees

this is where they should be.

Television and the merger between MAI and United News. all Mirror Group Newspapers can do is complain that it is barred from all the takeover excitement by the Govern-ment's planned media ownership rules. It is clearly unjust that Rupert Murdoch's News In-

L&G is now looking to join In selling directly to the public, using telesales techniques pioneered by Direct Line and others. The lesson is, however, that as players in the direct marketing area increase, competition will become tighter. Moreover, new brands — such as Virgin through its partnership with Australian Mutual Provident Society — are about to take on the life and pension marternational can effectively control the fast-expanding BSkyB while Mirror Group Newspapers can do no more than sit on a 20 per cent stake ket in much the same way as they forced a place in PEPs.

in Scottish TV and hope its As the consumer demands Sun-style cable channel, Live more simple products, i TV, becomes rapidly more ing will become critical. more simple products, brand-

## Job fears at Fokker grow as Far East bid fails to appear

tors could follow the example set by Daf, the car and truck manufacturer, and file for NEARLY 8,000 employees at Fokker, the Dutch bankruptcy overnight or early this morning. These fears were height-

nlane-maker, left work yester ened by the silence from Samdayconvinced they would sung of South Korea and Avic, the Chinese aircraftreceive redundancy notices this weekend after a noon manufacturer, both of which had expressed interest in acquiring all or part of Fokker.

Samsung Aerospace refused to comment about company under administra-tion since late January, held any pending bid, while in Beijing Avic officials post-poned a news conference out the slenderest hope of a reprieve from bankruptcy by stating it was still in talks and 

an announcement on its The firm, founded in 1919, future would be made later was put under administration on January 22 when Daimler-Benz, Germany's biggest in-dustrial corporation and Fokker's majority shareholder, rejected Dutch government pressure to stump up a fur-Dutch observers pointed ther DM1 billion (£446 milout that Fokker's administra- | lion) under a bail-out plan.

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## lan King

UNITED Biscuits yesterday sought to escape its acci-dent-prone past after admittoo steeply in value against ting to a dreadful 1995, in which the group was dumped from the FTSE-100 and ran up neth Clarke, has rejected such a move, saying that Britain would not rejoin a its first-ever loss. The board, full of apologies

for its performance, said the company behind such brand names as McVittes and KP lost £100.6 million last year. against pre-tax profits of £131.8 million in 1994. Most of the losses came from the sale of UB's Ameri-

can business, Keebler, and the closure of operations in Spain, which added to a oneoff hit of £150 million. The chairman, Colin Short. said UB rejected putting itself up for sale last summer and Mr Nicoli believes a new

tory closures this year as UB faced stern competition, par-Crinklin' Mini Cheddar ticularly from PepsiCo, owner Old favourites Hula Hoops of Walkers Crisps.

Sounding like a soccer chairman, Mr Short gave a vote of confidence to the chief executive, Eric Nicoli, who has been under pressure to

resign Mr Nicoli kept up the footballing metaphors: "It hasn't entered my head to walk away... I've never felt I lacked the support of my team... I fully accept respon-sibility for these results."

The Keehler sale, completed in January, marked the end of a disastrously expensive 22year foray into America started under former chief was "working urgently" to UB will emerge with products

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fect. UB shares closed up 21/4p at 232%b.

## **12 FINANCE AND ECONOMICS**

£87m profit for MGN 

 Losses on Independent set to be eliminated
 Live TV promises viewer figures

## Mirror seeks way round media laws

#### Lise Buckingham

RROR Group Newspapers is looking at ways to circumvent the provisions of the Government's planned media legislation, which the company said yesterday it regarded as discriminatory. MGN, whose newspapers

are regarded as supporters of the Labour Party, suggested that ownership rules con-tained in the Broadcasting Bill were politically inspired to be contrary to MGN's interest

MGN and Rupert Murdoch's News International are each prohibited from bidding for an ITV company because

ownership regulations. David Montgomery, MGN's chief executive, said his com-pany had no plans to bid for an ITV company, but it did not want to be disadvantaged.

He admitted holding recent discussions with Michael Green's Cariton Communica-tions, which owns Carlton TV

and the Central franchise, but said the subject of a bid for MGN had not been raised. Mr Montgomery's criticism of the planned media legisla-tion came as Mirror Group unveiled profits of 287.2 mil-lion sainat SHC 7 million last lion against 284.7 million last

Although Mirror Group still faces price competition in Scotland, it said the circulation of all its major titles was increasing and that financial pressures were reducing. The company, which will raise the price of the Mirror by 2p to 30p while the Sun intends a similar increase to 27p, said it was confident that newsprint prices had peaked. The cost of newsprint has risen from £320 a tonne in

1994, when the company's annual bill was £38 million, to £520 a tonne.

Mr Montgomery said that newsprint is likely to cost the group — which uses 250,000 tonnes a year — about £134 million this year.

MGN's share of the losses from the Independent and Infor an ITV company because they have more than 30 per cent of the newspaper market. But News International al-ready owns 40 per cent of BSkyB, whereas MGN's tele-vision interests are limited to a nascent cable operation, Live TV, and a 20 per cent stake in Scottish Television. Mirror Group 1s now look-ing to a future Labour Gov-ernment to change the medis ownership regulations. David Montgomery, MGN's chief executive, said his comminion, and Mr Montgomery estimates they will be about 27 million this year, with MGN picking up 23 million of that — a figure offset by earnings. He said Live TV was ex-pected to cost only \$25 million rather than the originally ex-

rather than the originally es-timated £30 million to establish, and should break even within three years. The group said that viewership figures for the channel, best known for anarchic stunts and bizarrs devices such as its "news bunny", should be available next mouth.



David Montgomery, flanked by Live TV's 'news bunnles', attacks government media plans

## Lang questioned over skill centre firms inquiry

#### Saush Whitebloom

AN Lang, the Trade Secretary, was questioned last night over investigations by his department into firms linked to the convicted forger Patrick Doyle, whose now-colmore than a third of a million to the Department of a million to the Department of Employ-ment) and another vehicle controlled by Mr Doyle, Fir-lands Training, took over business and staff from the lapsed AST group bought a large slice of the Government's former Astra training network in 1993.

Rhodri Morgan, Labour MP for Cardiff West, called on Mr Lang, in a parliamentary question, to disclose what in-vestigations were under way about five to six months."

and was effectively barred in 1991 from involvement with some training schools in the United States. Just 18 months later the millions of pounds (including millions of pounds (including more tran a thier in a weight of a mumber of job cuts. The should bury himself in more tran a thier at semerthere " said the transmission of transmission of the transmission of the transmission of the transmission of the transmission of transmission of the transmission of transmission of the transmission of transmission of the transmission of the transmission of the transmission of the transmissio

a river somewhere," said the Firlands' spokesman. Mr Morgan admitted last night ernment training policy, with

Critics have alleged that the ministers'

stance amounted to flagrant negligence

including those by Mr Mor-gan — and that they had de-cided "Firlands were not a dated to March of last year. "As you are sware, the staff company we wanted to be dealing with".

... are protected by continu-ity of service from Astra through AST to Firlands In addition, numerous cases of unfair dismissal have been brought — and won employment." Mr Gallagher continued: against AST after Mr Doyle

"Such an act is unlawful and refused to recognize the con-tingent employment rights of these documents should be withdrawn with immediate The Guardian Friday March 15 1996

**News in brief** 

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## **Oftel urges access** to BT database

COMPANIES should be allowed to make copies of British Telecom's directory database, which contains nearly 20 million names, addresses and phone numbers, Don Cruickshank. Oftel's director general, said yesterday. The regulator believes the move would open up the market for directory products and services or make numbers available on CD-Roms or through computer head on-line carriect

computer-based on-line services. However BT, which currently licences the database information to the likes of Thomson Directories and its own phone book business, is concerned that a number of versions of the same database could lead to abuse. BT updates its database every day to take account of changes of address, number changes, deaths, and ex-directory numbers. - Nicholas Bannister

### UK set to lead growth

BRITAIN is set to lead Europe to stronger economic growth. according to an international survey on business expectations published today. The UK was one of the few markets expecting improvement in the first quarter of 1996, said Dun & Bradstreet Corporation.

The survey recorded the sixth consecutive drop in global expectations for net sales and the fifth consecutive decline in forecast net profits. Although the European region registered the sharpest decline in expectations, the UK reported stronger opti-mism about sales, profits and prices. — Sarah Ryle

#### Tradepoint seeks AIM listing

TRADEPOINT, the electronic trading system set up as a rival to the Stock Exchange, yesterday announced plans to seek a listing on the Alternative Investment Market, AIM, by next month. The company, which currently enjoys a listing on the Vancouver stock exchange, said the flotation would leave it well positioned for the next stage in its development. Since its launch last September, Tradepoint has seen a rapid error in its investment and now has around 60 participating

expansion in its business and now has around 60 participating firms. The exchange uses an "order driven" system, where market players post orders to buy or sell shares on an electronic bulletin board. — Ian King

### Power firm must pay out

AN unnamed regional electricity company (REC) has been or-Arv initialities regional each city company (NEC) has been of dered to pay £40 to each of two customers who complained that power supplies were cut unnecessarily last July. The cuts, on July 10, followed adverse weather. Yesterday's ruling by the industry watchdog, Professor Stephen Littlechild, is the first compensation ordered under rules laid down to guarantee mini-

compensation ordered under rules and down to guarantee mini-mum standards of service. A further 16 cases are still before Prof Littlechild, Last night officials at Office refused to name the company, citing privatisa-tion law. One REC predicted the ruling could have widespread implications for the industry, which previously has resolved customer complaints without involving Offer. — Chris Barrie

### Milken faces new inquiry

MICHAEL Milken, the former junk-bond king, has become the target of a widening investigation by the US Securities and Exchange Commission for buying a large number of shares in Hasbro, a toy maker that was a takeover target for rival company Mattel in January. Mr Milken, whose junk bonds fuelled some of the big takeovers in the 1990s is already under constitut for his pole in Time

in the 1960s, is already under scrutiny for his role in Time Warner's pending \$7.5 billion takeover of Ted Turner's Turner Broadcasting System. The takeover is being studied by the Justice Department's anti-trust division. — Mark Tran in New York

## Skills piea by CBI chief

BRITAIN needs long-term improvements to infrastructure and akills if its economic performance is to make the leap from merely adequate to really good, Adair Turner, the director-general of the CBI said lest night. Mr Turner said business had to put its own house in order, because the UK had a "longer tail" of poor performing companies than other countries. But, it was vital the Government ensured that school leavers

had bence hasic skills, better attitudes and a better understanding of the world of work, he told a meeting in Bristol. — Larry Ellion

#### **Rolls workers reject offer**

ROLLS-ROYCE menual workers in Bristol yesterday rejected a

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and he asked what represen-tations he had had relating to the fitness of AST's directors and Mr Doyle — who is prime mover behind the companies. In 1993 the Guardian dis-

closed concerns over AST's The man, who refused to acquisition of skills centres give his name but insisted he from Astra's receivers, in-cluding the facts that Mr "Government cutbacks in Doyle had been jailed in 1986 training have been a public vestigation into the affair has for a £700,000 forgery attempt disgrace and required investi-

He admitted that company directors and senior staff had TEC might have cost some At the time of the 1993 sale. been interviewed, saying: the Department of Employ-There is not a single person ment argued that, since Astra bad already been privatised, who does not welcome a gov-

ernment inquiry. ministers.

AST's acquisition of the skills centres was not a matter for But the launch of a DTI in-

training around 168,000 people a year. But since Mr Doyle took control of most remaining Astra centres, controversy has raged over his business meth-

ods and his treatment of staff. The TEC National Council said last night that it advised all members to look closely at the situation in respect of their dealings with Firlands,

In the last few days, the public sector union PTC has

written to Mr Doyle over the latest "missive" from Firlands. It informed staff that they were not permanent members of staff with effect from a year ago. Tony Gallagher, PTC assis-

tant secretary, wrote: "I sus-pect that staff at Firlands es-tablishments have recently year were being issued.

**Textile jobs** 

as Coats

going abroad

result in legal action being

taken against Firlands." The Firlands spokesman — who claimed the firm still opwho claimed the firm still op-erated 14 skills centres — said that since TECs only gave contracts for one year the company was left with little choice in dealing with its staff. But he insisted that contracts for the forthcoming

TRY Offer in a Cit Spuile which has already led to an overtime ban at the plant for the past 22 weeks. Hourly-paid workers at the Derby acrospace plant have have already turned down the 4 par cent offer. — Second Milne

## Enterprise profits double

6 months free line rental.

ENTERPRISE Oil yesterday appeared to have exorcised memo-ries of its failed £1.6 billion bid for rival Lasmo, after more than doubling full year pre-tax profits to #201.2 million. Shares of Enterprise rose 33p to 420p, after the company revealed exploration successes in Scandinavia, Italy and Britain. - Jan King

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#### **Bright gleam of Reckitt Clinton snubs** China's 'stall is not all that it seems sanctions for

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## Outlook

Pauline Springett st all, although a series of \$20 million to \$30 million \*

HE headline profit was dramatic, but the under-

lying figures, as so often with Reckitt & Colman, were more mundane. The sharp rise in pre-tax profits was fualled m ainly by the £180.4 mil lion profit on the sale of its Norwich food and drinks business, including Colman's mustard, to Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch conglomerate Stripped down to basics, it came in at £285.1 million, at the lower end of analysts expectations.

Nevertheless, the chief exec utive, Vernon Sankey, insisted the company's strategy was going according to plan. Reckitt was set to become "the world's leading household products company

Reckitt was not, he said, in the business of competing with the likes of Unilever and Proctor & Gamble, which mass-marketed detergents and soap powders. It was fo-cused on selling niche household cleaning products and over-the-counter drugs.

So far, the main thrust of this strategy has been the £1 billion purchase at the end of 1994 of the US household cleaning products group, L&F. Reckitt spent last year trying to digest this huge purchase and reckons the process is largely complete. True there were some unpleasant mid-year hiccups produced by the amalgamation of different stock systems. That cost a painful £60 million, but Mr Sankey said it was a one-off. Reckitt is not planning any more significant US acquisi-

tered before big European con-

tions. Indeed, over the next i business, which saw a 6 per two years it is not expecting cont increase in sales. Mr Sankey said Reckitt dld to make any large purchases not spend a great deal on research and development, deals are likely in Asia and tending to make its goods Latin America. from ingredients no longer Although this is a strategic decision, it is also driven by a

under patent. "The skill is in the branding and assembling of the products," he said, desire acknowledged by Mr Sankey to reduce debt. Reck-itt's net debt at the end of the citing the success of the flu remedy, Lemsip. year was £536 million, com-Mr Sankey said the longpared to a surplus at the end term plan was to enhance of 1994 of £43.6 million. In the UK and continental earnings by adding value to its goods. This sounded like Europe, the big success story shorthand for being able to was over-the-counter drugs

put the price up if people are persuaded they are getting more for their money. Reckitt & Colman What is important is to buy the best products avail-able. It's about value, not Stock market value C2.76bn price," he said, explaining that people bought Reckitt's specialised cleaning products Share price 655p A 34p A STATE OF A STATE OF A STATE once or twice a year and were motivated by whether they did a good job rather than 18,000 6.9 price.

Mr sankey said the UK market was different from others in this respect because of the power of large retail chains with cheaper own-brand prod-ucts. But he pointed out that 92 per cent of sales were outside the UK. Reckitt's next thrust will be

Michael Store 20.4 Ser 8 in Latin America and Asia, where the public does tend to Sales (continuing operations) be influenced by brand names By product group, 2m and where the company has had encouraging results. Last 1,821.1 7 year, for instance, sales in

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eastern Asla rose by 25 per cent while those in Brazil jumped by a fifth. 234.6 But these are also markets where things have a tendency to go swiftly wrong. Reckitt 193.1 will be hoping that its recent taste of what it called the "tequila" effect, in both Ar-

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gentina and Mexico, does not 1.10 become too <u>familiar</u>.

planes' deal loses thread Mark Tran in Hew York THE Clinton administra-tion yesterday broshed aside a Chinese offer to formally announce a \$4 billion order for passenger planes from Boeing and McDonnell Douglas in return for a delay in sanctions stem-

ming from a dispute over software piracy. Boeing, McDonnell and Airbus are on tenderhooks as China is poised to annonnce its next round of big orders. The failure to secure the

order will be another set-back to Airbus, which has lost out to Boeing on a string of large orders from Asian countries.

China is expected to pla-cean orders for 30 Boeings, valued at \$3 billion based on list prices, including five 747s, 10 of the new big two engine 777 planes and numerous smaller 737 air-liners. McDonnell is ex-

pected to win an order for 20 MD-90s valued at \$1 billion. China has used the prospect of big aircraft orders as leverage before, particu-

larly to win renewal of most favoured nation trading status every June. By dangling the possibility of such orders. China ensures a lobbying drive by Ameri-can manufacturers to win

MFN renewal. The US has poured cold water on the Chinese pro-posal. Trade officials said that sanctions would not be delayed. The US wants the Chinese government to

puter sofware.

**Tony May** COATS Viyella, Britain's biggest textile firm, yes-terday launched a surprise £50 million restructuring plan which will shift more production to low-cost countries. The move follows a 6.2 per cent fall in profits to £152.4 million for 1995. blamed on raw material price increases which almost halved margins in the clothing division. The board de-cided to overhaul its clothing,

thread and home furnishings divisions by shifting resources.

The company would not be drawn on the implications for its 18,000 UK production emplovees as no discussions had een held with them.

One industry source said that while many cutting and stiching jobs might go over-seas, other more added-value jobs would be created. But thousands of jobs are likely to go across the UK textile in dustry as all companies face a

similar problem. The chief executive, Neville Bain, said the trigger for change was the elimination of the global multi-fibre agreement quotas by 2005.

Coats will keep large-scale production in this country to serve its biggest customer, Marks and Spencer, which last year increased its busi-ness from £285 million to #196 million

But UK production, which is 80 per cent of the total, will fall to a minimum of 50 per cent

Mr Bain said: "It will be a wide-sweeping programme of close factories that pirate approximately 50 different American products such as projects designed to improve compact discs and com- efficiency and productivity of Dier subject to sietus and a standard antone contract for each phone with Calibrances Datect Ltd. 185 Lower Rackwoord Read, Rockmoord-upon-Tog efficiency and productivity of the group."

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## **CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL**

One Man finishes like a 'clapped-out banger' as the Irish champion romps away with the Gold Cup. Chris Hawkins reports

# Imperial Call lives up to the blarney

SO NOW we know it wasn't just blarney. The stories filtering across the Irish Sea about the brilliance of Imperial Call were true and at Cheltenham yesterday he won the Tote Gold Cup with a faultless display of jumping, stamina and speed. Rough Quest came from be-

hind to be beaten four lengths, but the rest were no-where. It was 19 lengths back to the third. Couldn't Be Bet-ter, and another 25 to One Man, the 11-8 favourite, who staggered up the hill utterly exhausted in sixth. It was a first Cheltenham winner for both Conor O'Dywer, Imperial Call's jockey, and the formidable Fergus Sutherland, who trains at Macroom in Co. Cork but is an archetypal

Englishman of the hunting, shooting and fishing variety. The loss of a leg in the Korean war has certainly never hampered Sutherland and he quickened as impres-sively as his horse when asked if he would like to meet the Queen Mother afterwards, a meeting which he later de-scribed "the proudest mo-ment of my life."

His instructions to O'Dwyer had been to settle Impe-rial Call in third or fourth and let him have a lead until coming down the hill for the final time.

O'Dwyer was able to carry out the orders to the letter and he was cruising on the outside in fourth for a circuit and a half as Dublin Flyer set a strong gallop, tracked by Youwa Hustler Young Hustler. Richard Dunwoody on One

Man tracked Imperial Call and when Dublin Flyer cried Shamrock beroes . . . Imperial Call and Conor O'Dwyer are mobbed by the Irish racegoers after their Gold Cup victory enough at the fifth-last it quickly became a cat-and mouse affair between the big

LWO. "When Richard came cruis-ing up to me at the third-last I was pretty worried, although i knew i still had plenty under me." suid O'Dwyer. At this stage, as One Man and Imperial Cell trok off

me," said O'Dwyer. At this stage, as One Man and Imperial Call took off together, it looked as if we well and at the third-last I thought we'd win. But he got tired very quickly and if he e in for one of those wonderful spine-tingling, gut-wrenching battles.

trainer, was perplexed by the again. He is only a seven-sudden capitulation and year-old — the same as Arkle second-last Dunwoody felt One Man falter and in a matasked for a dope test. "Usually when horses don't stay they gradually run out of puff, but this fella's just stopped," said Richards. "I can't quite understand it. His blood was tested beforehand and he tested good." tired very quickly and if he Meanwhile, Imperial Call year's race. hadn't been third jumping the bad made imperious progress Rough Quest ran the race of did not let his supporters last I'd have pulled him up." and looked fresh enough as he his life and on this form looks down in finishing third.

Gordon Richards. his passed the post to go round thrown in with 9st 13lb in the rainer, was perplexed by the again. He is only a seven- Martell Grand National, but then he won the first of his three Gold Cups — and the first of his age to win since Midnight Court in 1978. Sutherland is convinced there is plenty of improve-ment in him and Hill's make him 5-1 favourite for next

his trainer, Terry Casey, is far from sure he will run. "The owners are not greedy people and at the moment would think the Irish National is more likely than Aintree, but we'll have to see," said Casey. Couldnt Be Better was a

jective has long been the National, finished fifth and did not have a hard race. He is a 10-1 chance for Liverpool with Coral's, but Hill's, who have Rough Quest 6-1 favourite, still quote him at 14-1, which looks good value.

A sad aspect of the race was the fatal fall of Monsieur Le Cure at the sixth. There have been huge fields for most of the races at the meeting

Young Hustler, whose ob- | which is par for the course,

"There's something about this place," he said. "Who would have believed that all those great horses like Alder-

PHOTOGRAPH: FRANK BARON

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and an unusually high num-ber of fatalities, 10 at the final reckoning. This could be what John Hales, the owner of One Man, calls the Cheltenham factor.

Wolverhampton (A.W.)

\* Denotes blinkers, Colog: Standard Figures in brackets after horse's same denote days since intent sating

David Bridgwater gave brook, Sound Man, Viking Flagship, Mr Mulligan and One Man would all get best?" a two-day whip ban.



## fell fatally in the Grand

**SPORTS NEWS 13** 

ICHARD DUNWOODY

was badly shaken when Martin's Lamp

Triumph

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Chris Hawkins

Annual Chase at Chelten-ham yesterday but will ride at Fakenham today. Dunwoody won the Ritz Trophy as leading jockey at the meeting with two win-ners, beating Warren Mar-ston, who also had two, by dint of the greater number dint of the greater number

of placings. Charlie Swan was susmarch 23 for irresponsible riding on Magical Lady in the Triamph Hurdle. The stewards found that

Magical Lady had inter-fered with Embellished approaching the final flight, causing him to fall.

When Born To Be Wild was put down after falling in the Triumph, Martin Pipe must have been in the depths of despair. It was the third horse he had lost at the meeting.

But nothing can equal the ups and downs of racing and half an hour later the smile was back on Pipe's face as Cyborgo got the bet-ter of a titanic struggle with Mysilv in the Bonus-

Cyborgo had been off the course for a year with a series of niggling problems since finishing second in this race to Doran's Pride, and his win was a great tribute to Pipe's skills. Above all, however, it was a tribute to Cyborgo's

seemingly bottomless courage. After attempting to lead throughout he was collared after jumping the second-last by Mysilv, but refused to let her pass.

It was nip-and-tuck all the way up the run-in, but at the line Cyrborgo had forged ahead to win by threequarters of a length.

Cyborgo too much assis-tance in the opinion of the stewards, who handed him

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Newcastle doubt HERE will be an inspection at 3pm today at Newcastle to determine whether



## **14 SPORTS NEWS**

#### Soccer

# **Strike stops** play in Italy

#### John Glover in Milan

HERE will be no Serie A games this weekend, after the breakdown of lastminute negotiations between players and clubs. For the first time ever dur-

ing the season, Italian players are on strike. They will sit out games this weekend and on April 21, voting day in the general elections. Strikes of Serie B and C players are also planned.

The strike came despite government mediation and concessions granting players' and managers' unions repre-sentation on the Italian Foot-ball Federation council.

The warring parties are still divided over transfer fees. The players want fees for players who are out of contract to be abolished immediately, bringing the domestic transfer market in line with the European Union. The clubs, who claim their players represent assets of some £300 million, say the immediate removal of the transfer fee would send many of them bankrupt. They hope to be given three years to adjust. Antonio Mattarese, presi-dent of the federation, has also announced concessions

tracts because of bankruptcy. Players are calling for the fund, which is wholly de-pleted, to be financed by the clubs. The clubs, who claim that the original idea was that it should be financed by the players themselves. object to paying salaries they had no

part in negotiating. Nevertheless, Mattarese promised that the federation would pay the 12 billion lire (25 million) needed to enable it to meet outstanding pay-ments. This was not enough for the players. "I am one of the fortunate

salaries of players whose

clubs fail to honour their con-

ones," said the Juventus and Italy striker Gianluca Vialli, "but I have to show solidarity with those for whom the existence of a guarantee fund is a question of survival."

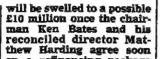
A league spokesman said there was still hope an agreement could be reached. "A strike would be enormously damaging." he said. "There are many clubs that plan to use the weekend takings to pay their players." Losses could total over £15 million. • Alberto Tarantini, the former Argentinian interna-tional full-back who flopped at Birmingham City, was ar-rested yesterday and charged with possession of drugs. Police found 16 ecstasy tablets regarding the so-called "guar-antee fund", which is sup-posed to continue paying the caine at his Buenos Aires flat.

Chelsea cash in as Hoddle keeps

#### Aartin Thorpe

HELSEA's attempt to put their house in thew Harding agree soon order received a boost on a refinancing package. from the upholsterers yes-terday, though doubts remain about the future of one of the architects.

kit and sportswear sponsorship arrangement, signing a multi-million-pound deal until the year 2003. The company has been particularly attracted by the arrival at Stamford Bridge of players of the stature of Rund Gullit and the promise of more highprofile mannequins to



for the club. This is reported to in-clude Chelsea being floated on the Alternative Invest-

Umbro has renewed its ment Market, as the club seek to finish rebuilding their ground as well as their team. "I think this sponsorship

reflects what Umbro think we're going to do in the future far more than what we are doing at the mo-ment," said Bates. Umbro's spokesman Mar-

Lewis's long-running dispute tin Protherce echoed that thought. "The quality of with the World Boxing Coun-cil back to a court in New Jer-However, the man res-ponsible for enticing the Dutchman to the club, and and we're happier being sey, the picture was suddenly brought into sharper focus. Today's verdict will either enassociated with the likes of Ruud Gullit than maybe one or two lesser-profile players in other clubs. But doubts over Hoddle's future cast a cloud over the continued arrival of players to set the marketing men salivating. "We still haven't had call from the Football Association. No exact figures were is publicly explaining his caution by citing uncer-tainty over exactly how much transfer money will be made avaialble. United and Everton. But the amount is linked to the success of the team and their replica-kit sales. Most of the money will go into the transfer pot, which

------MIKE TYSON

Keep your wits about you ... Mike Tyson takes advisement at the MGM Grand's press conference PHOTOGRAPH TOM JENGING

# his options open Lewis battles to be next against Bruno or Tyson

Kevin Mitchell in Las Vegas follows the legal preliminaries to tomorrow's big fight

ENNOX LEWIS, the promotes. Only after those heavyweight nobody wants, may be within the bang of a judge's Lewis, who has been promheavyweight nobody wants, may be within the bang of a judge's

Lewis, who has been prom-ised a chance to regain his WBC title ever since he beat Llonel Butler in an elimina-tor last May, might have to wait until September though, since the WBC rulebook al-lows Tyson to avoid a manda-tory shellow wurdt then gavel of forcing his way back into contention as challenger to the winner of this week-After a judge in Dallas this week referred judgment in

tory challenger until then. Tyson could squeeze in vol-untary unification matches against Seldon and Botha un-less Eliades can negotiate a

late and rambled on for two ican people. They have been really friendly and they all say they want me to kick hours, a boring and largely pointless exercise far removed from the entertain-Tyson's ass.' ing pre-fight performances of Muhammad Ali and his vari-Tyson has covered that area of his anatomy quite nicely. He gets \$30 million (£19.7 million) here, taking his slice of the \$100 million ous straight men.

Bruno at least was unusu-ally frank when asked about his treatment in Las Vegas by King. "Do you want the truth or do you want lies?" he asked his interrogator, a con-frontational retort at which six-fight deal to \$55 million with four to go and \$45 mil-lion left in the bank. Little of that would be spent on a high-profile contest the 34-year-old champion has become adept to the point of against Lewis, but King could always negotiate a separate deal with HBO, Lewis's Amertedium.

'Tm getting 54 million. No, I'm not happy, but I'm not a greedy man. If you're the wants Lewis as its standard-

The Guardian Friday March 15 1996



The noble art, a bloody business

N OCTOBER, when James Murray died from boxing injuries, the Guardian's correspondent John Rodda wrote that "the drip, drip, drip on my conscience has taken me close to the pould be where it should be surfaces and video games. Britain had 50,000 amateur where I believe it should be banned". Three weeks later he retired, after 49 years writing about "the noble art [that] now seems little more than a bloody way of boxers in 1946, now 8.000. He admires Naseem, also fighting tomorrow, for agil-ity and intelligence in the ring and, without comment, making money" - a purist jaundiced by hype and dislets his swaggering rise to promotion's demands con-demn him as a prat. Frank

illusioned by death. Tonight, the Ides of March Tonight, the Ides of March and eve of Bruno v Tyson, he gives a personal perspec-tive in A Bloody Art (BBC2, 7.30). He pulls no punches in his condemnation. "The em-phasis in professional box-ing is on the knock-out punch" — and money. Weight training and beaket-ball-type boots (affording a firmer footing) have given firmer footing) have given greater punching impact. In 10 years Britain has had three deaths and five cases of serious brain damage. He contrasts professionals, as fighters, with the amateurs, who box bouts in

## Sixth column

DAVID PICKLES, secretary of the BIHA, denied this week that ice hockey is be-coming more violent. "Major punishments have decreased," he said. The trouble is the police: they are getting in first, making arrests and preventing the BIHA taking summary disciplinary action. They stopped Saturday's game between Dur-ham and Humberside after 58 seconds: a player had sus-tained a broken nose and lost

two teeth in the warm-up; his wife called in the law. Soon, with luck, players will not take the ice at all, the will not take the ice at all, the game will vanish up its own violence and Fickles will be able to boast that major pun-ishments have fallen to nil.

ATLANTA's Democratic Mayor Bill Campbell is not pleased with Georgia's Republican Attorney General Mike Bowers. The city has enough problems before the

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demn him as a prat. Frank Warren, too, condemns him-self: "Boxing's mega-busi-ness, a television business," be says, then damns the BBC's dropping of the ABA finals as "disgraceful. ITV are the same, driven by rat-ings, interested in cherry-picking the big events, no in-vestment in grass-roots". If the lights go out at the amateur clubs, says Rodda, it will sever professional it will sever professional boxing's lifeline. He ends: "I still believe it's a sport worth fighting for." It is the voice of one who cares more than traitors of the art, in and out of the ring, deserve. which avoiding a punch,

> bettar he might be if fit. He got down to 12 stone. He came 53rd in 1986, then 39th, 37th, 25th and 52nd. Last month, at 42, he won the Nissan Open. He weighs 17 stone.

ROM July 1 soccer's lines-men will be referee's assistants. Fifa is recognising "an increasingly important role and the growing number of women officials". The fourth official, too, will be allowed to report incidents to the refer-

ee, but only after a match. Fifa approved a longer ad-vantage rule, foreshadowed here last week, but aban-doned its idea of bigger goals. It did, however, recommend more balls. This is merely an more balls. Fails is merely an idea, not a stipulation, and was thought of before the European Commission ques-tioned the legality of Fifa's logo levy. At 330 a go it made business sense.

WHAT did England's rugby squad say? In the week before the Calcutta Cup match Will Carling put a circular round the changing

who would be a major in-fluence in tempting other high-profile foreigners to Chelsea, may quit this summer. Glenn Hoddle is still stalling on renewing his own contract, which runs out at the end of the season, fuelling speculation that he is waiting for an England

No exact figures were forthcoming for the Umbro deal. which follows on the heels of similar lucrative contracts with Manchester

## Harford faces gesture charge

Wimbledon striker. Millwall's recent full-back signing from Watford, were Substrated with a striker. Millwall's recent full-back signing from Watford, were Substrated with a striker. The fourth official, Peter Junch and the second se Steve Double, the FA's Harford also launched a spokesman, said: "He is charged for the gesture rather than the verbal outburst on the evidence of the fourth offi-

verbal assault on the home manager Glenn Hoddle during Wimbledon's FA Cup sixth-round tie at Stamford | cial." Harford has 14 days to Bridge last Saturday, but it was for the alleged gesture that the 37-year-old will be hauled up before the FA.

to the FA by both the police Harford allegedly accused and the referee Jim Rushton Hoddle of having "sorted" the | for an incident at Kenilworth referee Graham Poll in his favour. The angry player, just substituted, had to be pulled to request a hearing.

## Ward boosts Derby hopes

DERBY COUNTY are set to reinforce their First Div-ision promotion challenge by two days of negotiations. "My signing the Norwich striker | wife and I are settled in the Ashley Ward, for whom the | area and I would be happy to clubs have agreed a £1 million see out my playing career fee. The 25-year-old Ward was here," he said. talking to Derby last night Middlesbrough, anxious to talking to Derby last night and is expected to sign in | halt a disastrous Premiership time to make his debut slide, expect to play the Braagainst Watford at the Basezilian Juninho, who was on ball Ground tomorrow. the hench for the defeat at Robbie Mustoe, Middles- West Ham, at home to Notbrough's 27-year-old mid- tingham Forest tomorrow.

dorse the WBC's sanctioning more altractive deal, and he well might. Eliades has al-ready offered Bruno £9 milof Mike Tyson as legitimate challenger to Frank Bruno at the MGM Grand tomorrow night or declare it invalid lion to fight Lewis, and there would surely be more in the kitty if Tyson were involved. Either way the fight will go ahead. It is what happens afterwards that will further If Bruno wins, the waters become deeply muddy. A title complicate matters. If the fight between Bruno and New Jersey decision goes Lewis would obviously have Lewis's way, serious horse-trading will follow between his manager Frank Maloney to be in Britain, and finding a suitable date in a summer dominated by the European Soccer Championship and the Olympic Games would be a difficult. and the connections of Bruno and Tyson. That means Don King,

end's big fight.

which means more chaotic bargaining, but at least Ma-loney and his backer Panos Eliades would bring some ju-dicial clout to the table this As Robert de Niro says in Casino, "the longer they play, the more they lose", and the losing gambler here could still be Lewis. Meanwhile it was plain at Wednesday's so-called head-to-head press conference here time, and that might be enough to insinuate Lewis back into the picture.

If Tyson wins, King has mapped out a three-fight programme for him. The first op-ponent would be Bruce Seldon, the World Boxing Association's very ordinary champion, managed by King. Second would be Frans Botha, the even more ordinary Inter-

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**Rugby Union** 

CLUB MATCH: Cancelle

national Boxing Federation titleholder whom King also Bruno was miffed, so the conference started 47 minutes

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along with Don King and all the others. But I've had a terrific response from the Amerlawyers say otherwise.

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## Bruno black-out after Sky imposes 'unacceptable' terms for footage

#### Andrew Culf Modia Correspondent

ERRESTRIAL television viewers will not see any action from Frank Bruno's WBC heavyweight defence against Mike Tyson, it was revealed last night.

The BBC and ITN refused to accept a package offered by BSkyB which would have prevented them from ing event. But Sky main-tains that the fight's pay-per-view status excludes it that relations between King and Bruno are as frosty as screening any knockout or from the code. those between King and Ty-son. Everyone was involved in a Mexican stand-off; Tythe conclusion of tomorrow night's contest. BSkyB has made the fight

Britain's first pay-per-view television event, with viewson's trainer Jay Bright an-nounced that his fighter an encrypted service it would be breaking the law, would not arrive unless he was sure Bruno was there. which it was not prepared to do. Radio 5 Live has seers paying £9.95 to tune in. Last night a senior execu-tive at the BBC said:

cured live rights and begins coverage at 2am on Sunday. "Sky's intransigence

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The way boxing is at the moment, everybody is every-body else's partner until the

officer being "willing to bet it's safer to walk the streets of Sarajevo than of my home town". The Mayor called the

comments "reckless, irre-sponsible and inaccurate". The third charge depends on Nato's peacekeepers. At-lanta's violent crimes per res-idential head run at four means terrestrial viewers will be denied any access to the fight. The situation is times the national average. On last year's figures the Olympic tally, for the forttotally unacceptable and night, should be seven homi-cides, 17 rapes, 202 robberies and 341 aggravated assaults. we will not be editorially Under the code for news access, broadcasters are

permitted to show up to six 60-second clips in the 24 hours after a major sport-CHRIS EUBANK yesterday scotched speculation of a boxing comeback in favour of a career on stage and screen. He is taking regular acting lessons and speech coaching to cure his infamous lisp. "I FIN said it believed it was would love to play James Bond, and I could," he said. "I entitled to broadcast clips, but if it took pictures from would have to have speech and dental work done but I can relate to that kind of char-acter. As conceited as it may

sound, I understand what it is to he cool. Style is not just about clothes; it's about strutting, personality and cha-risma — all of which I possess in abundance." Next month he presents

Top of the Pops. His drama teacher Melanie Bloor says: "He is very dedicated and is coming on in leaps and bounds" — rather how he came on into the ring.

COLIN MONTGOMERIE has lost two stone and four waistline inches in three months in his quest for one of

golf's majors, and plans to lose another stone too. Craig Stadler could tell him it is no guarantee of improvement. The Walrus, only 5ft 10in, was 15 stone when leading US money-winner in 1982. In the mid-80s he thought how much

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Olympics, living down its a better captain. label of "murder capital of the States", without a leading law

ENGLAND's cricketers were not just over-whelmed ultimately; Sri Lanka outplayed them ini-tially. In the days when Eng-land was great and giving the game to the natives, the team had JWHT Douglas. Now our players have a functional two. The flair is with WPUCJ Vaas and HDPK Dharmasena.

Consider Warnakulasooriya Patabendige Ushantha Cha-minda Joseph Vaas. According to Sunii ("deep blue") at the High Commission for Sri Lanka, the first two are ances tral names, Ushantha means "sunset" and Chaminda "obedient and gentle". For Dhar-masena, Handunettige is an-cestral, Deepthi "light",

Cestral, Deepini "light", Priyantha "pretty" and Kumara "prince". There are Jayantha "successful" Silva, Aravinda "lotus flower" de Silva, Sanath "loving" Jaya-suriya and the captain Ar-juma "thousand hands" Ranatungs. No wonder they won.

ON the eve of the Five Nations Championship five former coaches, one from each nation, gave their pre-dicted scores for each match. Pierre Berbizier has not only got all eight results right but the scores/margins too, to within a few points. Alan Davies and Ian McGeechan Davies and ian macheconan have six, Gerry Murphy five and Dick Best four. For spread betters, Berbizier has-England to beat Ireland 29-16 and France to beat Wales 19-9.

THE NBA has suspended a Denver Nugget for refus-ing to stand for the Stars and Stripes. A league rule requires all players to "line up in a dignified posture" for the anthem. Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf says it conflicts with his faith. "Ton a Muslim first and a Muslim last. My duty is to my creator, not to nationalistic ideology." He called the American flag "a symbol of oppression and tyranny".

Abdul Rauf, who plays guard, was born Chris Jackson, changing his name after converting to Islam in 1991. He has recently overcome Tourette Syndrome, a twitching disorder, to enjoy his best season as a pro. On a salary of \$2.6 million, he stands - or not - to lose an estimated £20,000 per game. Muslims are divided on whether it is absolute duty, but his action carries more conviction than the NBA's. He has played 62 games this season.

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**Rugby League** Ruigby League national conference Leadure premier Divider Egranont v Millon (230); Henni Hempshad v Dudley Hill (230); Baddloworth v Heworth (230); Weith Hill v Lock Lake (230); Wigan St Patricis v Woolston (230); Fither Dividered Asken v Leigh East (230); Blackbrook v Gullon (230); East Leeds v Weithey Central (230); Eastmotr v Dewebury Cel (230); Mold-green v Beverley (230); Thornhull v Old-rard St Annes (230); Booth Dividers Barrow Manation (230); Chemoten v York Acom (230); Radhull v Hull Dockers (230); Shaw Crom v Excles (230).





## WORLD CUP CRICKET Calcutta cloud has silver lining

David Hopps on referee Clive Lloyd's riot measures

F ANY good came from the hooliganism that forced the abandonment of India's World Cup semi-final against Sri Lanka in Calcutta on Wednesday, it was a recog-nition that the International Cricket Council's recently introduced system of match ref-

While police showed little inclination to curb the protests, and nobody - not even West Bengal's chief minister Jyoti Basu, who crept off to bed — bothered to make an appeal for cam. Clive Lloyd, the referee appointed for the semi-final, took swift and decisive action.

From the moment that he emerged on the Eden Gardens outfield the ICC response was firm and assured. Immediately he made it plain to all parties that if attempts to restart the game proved abortive he would have no hesita-tion in awarding the match to Sri.Lanka.

The assertion of his authority ensured that an unruly if not particularly disturbing situation did not deteriorate further.

The umpires, who had been uncertain what course to take, were relieved to have the decision taken from their hands. And the Sri Lanka fielders, trusting Lloyd's assurances that their safety was a prime consideration, did not overreact and leave the

field of their own accord. Most strikingly, tournament officials, some of whom are not exactly immune to strutting displays of self-im-portance, had no opportunity to politicise and distort events to save face. To see

Despite his status as a national sporting treasure. Underwood carries modesty to remarkable lengths, expressing genuine surprise that a newspaper should want to interview him at this point in his career. He would be the last man to point out that his scoring feats, which include six tries for the Lions, have been achieved despite a serious lack of ball in many games, such as the recent Calthem trailing in Lloyd's wake like respectful courtiers was a

David Richards was among those who praised Lloyd's swift intervention. It has not been a good few months for the ICC, which has lacked the

As a former West Indies captain, Lloyd was aware of Eden Gardens' volatile reputation. In 1966, West Indies beat India there in three days and spectators responded by burning whatever they could lay their hands on.

days, and two India players, Sunil Gavaskar and Kapil Dev, were pelted with fruit. Gavaskar resolved never to play there again.

The sadness is that India has been the lifeblood of the World Cup. Discerning crowds have turned out in numbers for neutral matches, displaying a true passion for cricket, in contrast to Paki-stan where there has been a passion only for nationalism. Calcutta had cheered Aus

final and had come to a standstill when the new South Africa visited in 1992, but in Kipling's phrase, on Wednes day night it really did become the City of Dreadful Night. • Police yesterday posted a

precautionary guard at the Hyderabad home of the India captain Mohammad Azbaruddin. One fan in the eastern hill-town of Jalpaiguri hanged himself after watching the defeat on television.

appears to be unexpired con-



most uplifting sight. The ICC chief executive

authority to intervene on issues such as the bribery al-legations made against Salim Malik, the calling of Sri Lan-ka's off-spinner Muttiah Mur-alitharter for alitharan for throwing, and the chaos after Australia and erees had passed one of its most demanding tests. the West Indies forfeited their matches in Colombo. matches in Colombo.

Seventeen years later West Indies defeated India in three

tralia and England in the 1967



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Winging in . . . Underwood scores one of the tries, this time against Scotland, that have helped him towards the 85th cap he wins tomorrow against Ireland PHOTOGRAPH MARK LEEC

# Underwood defies age barrier

**Robert Armstrong** on the England wing hoping tomorrow will not be his last game

ing his last appearance for England in tomorrow's Five Nations Championship match against Ire-land at Twickenham when he wins his 85th cap. By the time England host

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their next international, against italy on November 16. the Leicester and Lions wing will be 33 years and five months old, an age at which the great majority of Test three-quarters have retired, either on their own initiative or at the behest of the

Underwood's desire to keep trotting out in an England shirt is as sharp as ever and he has shown in timed sprints most effortless ease. that he is as fast as he was 10

the money, welcome though that is, but simply because he enjoys the challenge. He will not admit that there T IS possible that Rory | his 50th England try at the ex-Underwood will be mak-ing his last appearance | other record in his 12-year inmay never be another wing quite like him, especially in terms of longevity, but the pressure to score tries and to ternational career that will probably never be overtaken in the British Isles. Only keep winning in Test Rugby plc will cut down most play-David Campese has been more prolific.

ers before they rack up 50 caps, never mind 65. If Underwood represents a fast-fading age of innocence, he also embodies the contem-The intriguing question is whether the England selec-tors will continue to ignore Underwood's birth certificate and keep on picking him on the basis of performance. Underwood, a married man with two daughters and a backroom job at RAF Cran-well after he stopped flying bat ware has mointeined the Slams since 1990.

belp England win more games," he declared. "My body has not been giving out warning signals, the manage-ment are happy, the club is happy and I feel good about last year, has maintained the necessary fitness and discipline to carry him into the new professional era with al-The man who scored a

my rugby. "At this stage of the season provides great stimulus." That and about another cham-Underwood will not make years ago. Certainly he has brace of tries in last year's 'At this stage of the season the explosive pare to plunder World Cup semi-final against I feel sad about another cham-

each other again until next autumn, which seems an ngland." should be taken to the One reason Underwood has emained a star performer, away," he recalled. Sngland," remained a star performer, despite his tendency to make costly blunders in defence, is

he beady-eyed presence of his old Leicester team-mate Les Cusworth, who was ap-pointed the England backs' coach 18 months ago. "It took Les a bit of time to

and freshen us up, because Will, Jerry and myself had become a bit set in our ways," he admitted. "But Les has vision and a distinctive way of

squad by the end of the year. "This season I got a lot of awfully long way off. For me every season represents an-other chance to play for The message was that I

"I think people generally have been very harsh on Eng-land, given the number of fresh faces in the side. Maybe we are not playing as well as we have done in previous years, but if you wanted results overnight you would

learn exactly how to work us not pick the team we've got looking at things and he very hard and they just get makes sure nobody gets bored stuck in and give their best."

together on the 1989 Lions tour to Australia." In any other sport Underwood would probably have become a multi-millionaire on the back of his 12 action

fessionalism has come too

with new players making up a third of it. The young guys rugby have been under pressure straight away but have actually done very well. They are In contrast to the likes of Jon Sleightholme, who wins his fourth cap tomorrow, Underwood has been around so long that it is easy to over-look his part in victories over every major rugby power. The scalps of the southern hemi-

sphere nations are especially cutta Cup match in which he

eam.

packed years as England's most lethal finisher, but pro-

late to reward him adequately in money terms for his commitment. Not that he has any regrets. He will stay at his RAF desk for another five years, possibly serve Leices-ter as captain if required, and then build a life outside

porary obsession with sucss, hence his important role in England's three Grand "I feel strong enough to come back next season and

ULL CARLING yes-terday insisted that his final game as England captain tomorrow represented an opportunity to win the Triple Crown rather than merely a chance to round off his leadership in speciacular style, writes Robert Armstrong. England." He said anything less than a committed team effort could see England

come badly unstuck, so his relinquishing the captaincy had to be regarded as secondary. "No doubt I will feel sad

and a bit emotional about stepping down by Saturday

Badminton

doing my job as captain," into the game thinking how he said. "It has been my life many points we might for the past eight years and score," he said. I want to get it right on the day. Anyway, I hope it is not my last time out with rightly so. We will go out Carling denied that the slim prospect of winning the championship by mak-ing up a points-difference deficit of 22 on France, the favourites, who meet three years and we want to Wales, would influence preserve it. We want to England's tactics against Ireland, who won at Twick-

Carling puts pride before points

enham two years ago. "This season we haven't goal."

Sport in brief

evening, but the game is done ourselves justice as a there to be won and I will team, but it would be disre-have to concentrate on speciful to the Irish to go simply to win the match and our strategy won't change no matter what the French are doing. We have a very good record at Twickenham over the past

players we are." • The England Under-21 squads to play France at Bath on April 19 and Italy away on May 11 will be coached by Clive Wood-ward of London Irish with play successful rugby but his assistant. They replace beating the Irish by a big Stan Liptrot, who remains margin is not a realistic a selector, and Adrian goal."

cherished, none more than Australia's in last year's World Carling hoped that his Cup triumph. For all that, on an individual level Underwood final team talk as captain would make a telling impact on his players. "I'll try to capture the mood of the regards his most formidable opponent as leuan Evans, his side and provide a hook to old Lions team-mate. hang our confidence on. We "The French wings, Saintare very proud of each other and of the sort of André and Ntamack, are tremendous competitors, very difficult to defend against and Simon Geoghegan is unpredictable and always gives

100 per cent, but leuan is the wing I have the greatest respect for," he said. "I ad-mire the courage and ambi-tion he displayed in coming Bath's Andy Robinson as back so many times after

received one scrappy pass. Ireland, against whom Underwood made a winning debut as a sure-footed 20-year-

old, could catch the backlash of England's try famine this eason; however, win or lose, the Leicester player always enjoys mixing with the Irish

"Some people say Irish club rugby is useless, but put those in Sydney. Innes rejoined Manly after boys in green shirts and they play like hell for their Leeds beat Warrington in the fifth round of the Silk Cut country," he said. "We've stuffed them at Twickenham and they've stuffed us in Dub-Challenge Cup at Wilderspool on February 10. Leeds, claiming he is in contract to them lin. Whenever we meet, we play hard and sometimes we play dirty — rugby dirty, that until 1997, promptly began legal proceedings in Sydney. His departure, they said, injuries. "During matches we don't bother with silly stuff like afterwards and get pissed." amounted to inducement by Manly, an Australian Rugby eague club.

tract-time. Meanwhile the Wigan chairman Jack Robinson, who denies corruption allega-HE welter of legal action in Australia has over-shadowed Leeds's attions made by a newspaper tempt to gain compensation from Manly-Warringah for this week, yesterday claimed to have the full support of his board of directors. "There are several inaccuracies in the their former All Black wing Craig Innes, but the matter is still the subject of legal action

story," he said. Mike Gregory, the former Great Britain tour captain, will appear before the RFL's board of directors on Tuesday in an attempt to be allowed to take up the post of assistant coach at St Helens. Salford, who paid Warrington £30,000 for his services almost two years ago, are blocking the move because Gregory still has three months of his playing contract to serve with

This is still a live issue as the far as we are concerned, League bylaws forbid play Leeds's chief executive Alf ers to take jobs with other Davies said last night. 'Mau-rice Lindsay, the RFL's chief clubs except under excep tional circumstances, and executive, is briefing our Gregory is expected to tell the lecal advisers in Sydney and League directors that he has retired as a player, and St Lindsay flew to Australia this week to support Rupert Murdoch's Super League in its appeal against Justice Bur-Helens will give an assurance that they will not register him

as a player at any level. St Helens' stand-off Tommy chett's judgment for the ARL. Martyn, who has not played No transfer or compensation since major knee surgery last September, has been passed agreements are yet in place between the warring leagues, fit for the start of the Super but Innes is the only player League campaign on March signed from Britain by the 31 and the Challenge Cup ARL who has left with what final at Wembley on April 27.

**Tension helps** Tennis Tim Henman continued in his Hall to fall

### Richard Jago In Birmingham

ARREN HALL shrugged off a defeat by the world champion here yesterday and remains optimistic of earning the Atlanta seeding so important if he is to become the first Braton to win a badminton Olympic medal.

The former European champion from Essex lost 15-10, 15-10 to the brilliant Indonescin Hervanto Arbi in the last 16 of the Yonex All England Championships, his performance falling short of the ourstanding efforts that recently accounted for two men in the world's top 16. However, in reaching the third round he showed fishes of the improvement

that has taken him to his best form in three years. "I was a bit tense today and

didn't move so well." the 30year-old said, "but generally I feel more like my old self and I'm sure I can challenge for a inedui.

Hrs most fluid attacking moments came when he recovered from +10 to 9-11 in the first game and from 8-13 to 10-13 in the second against an opponent aiming for his third Ail England title in four attempts. Hall will learn for certain about the seeding after the qualifying cut-off date on April 1.

Julie Bradbury, Britain's best hope for an Olympic 37. medial, reached two quarter-finals. She and Joanne Wright won, 15-4, 15-7 against the Japanese pair Hisako and Yasuke Mizur, and with Simon Archer she heat the Danes Thomas Stavngaard and Ann mixed doubles.

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Faldo fretful and forgetful rich vein of form yesterday by beating the No.8 seed Marc Göllner 6–3, 6–3 in the Copen-hagen ATP tournament. The 21-year-old from Oxford now faces another German. Martin Sinner, who reached the quarter-finals by beating the top-seeded Jan Siemerink. Britain have selected Sam Smith. Megan Miller and

Golf

Valda Lake to make their Fed Cup debuts alongside the ex-perienced Clare Wood in the Europe-Africa Group One play-off in La Manga from April 22-26. Thomas Muster was again

beaten within a few days of assuming the No. 1 slot, elimi-nated 6-3, 7-5 from the £1.5 million Newsweek Champions Cup in Indian Wells by the Italian Adrian Voinea.

#### Snooker

Stephen Hendry closed in on his fifth title of the season by beating John Parrott. his

recent nemesis, 5-1 to reach the semi-finals of the Thailand Open in Bangkok last night, *urites Clive Everton*. The world champion, who had failed to overcome Parrott in their three previous meetings, made breaks of 71, 48 and 112 and stole two

frames on the pink after Parrott had squandered clear-cut chances. He now faces Ken Doherty, a 5-1 winner over Jamie Woodman.

**Rugby Union** Dowi Bebb, the former Wales

and Lions wing, has died aged

Ice Hockey

The Durham Wasps and Hum-berside Hawks have been fined £1,000 each after their players brawled during the fect greens were so inviting warm-up before their British that 72 of yesterday's 135 Jorgensen 15-13, 15-4 in the | Championship play-off game | starters beat par. last Saturday.

Davis Davies in Orlando ICK FALDO. who spends hours using every mechanical and to get back to par. The Briton's mistake was computer golfing aid ever en-visaged, fell victim to simple human error in the first

round of the Bay Hill Invita-tional here in Florida yesterday. Faldo, who eventually finished with a level-par 72 to be five behind the early leaders Mark O'Meara and Paul Goy-

dos, incurred a two-stroke penalty at the 4th when he

turned a par five into a | that two different films can be | body swing. It's amazing." "What people tend to forget about Nick," said his coach David Leadbetter, "is that he is a bigger, stronger, more double-bogey seven and made him four over at that stage. In the circumstances he did well

burly person now than he was in, say, 1989. If you put films in of Nick then and now, you not realised for two holes until a spectator asked him: "Did you replace that marker on the 4th?" Faido realised he had not and called the penalcan see it very clearly. He had a less restricted swing then ty. "Tm a right airhead, a great blockhead," he said. and we are working to get more flow into his game."

You can also play games He had spent hours before the tournament working with a new computer set up on Bay with it. "You can transpose body parts," said Leadbetter, dos, incurred a two-stroke Hill's practice ground. Its "so you can compare his leg penalty at the 4th when he special virtue is that it can be action now with that of his failed to replace his ball cor-rectly after marking it. That the screen can then be split so works with his present upper-

## Torrance misses birdie rush

Michael Britten in Dubai

IGUEL-ANGEL Jime-Misend shared 17 birdies and only 51 putts in a spectacular opening to the Dubai Desert Classic at the Emirates Club here yesterday. The Spaniard had five successive birdies in a homeward 30 for a nineunder-par 63 and a onestroke lead over the American, who celebrated his 34th birthday with six bird-ies in an outward 31.

For each it was a careerbest round on the European circuit, but Ernie Els's week. course record of 61 is far from safe. After three days

of heavy rain the near-per-This must have been frus- i flag with a greenside chip. fect greens were so inviting

trating news for Sam Tor-He then appealed to his rance, on his way home because of a freak accident on Tuesday, when he strained an ankle ligament pushing appreciate that a lot of a luggage trolley at the air-port. The injury failed to people want to see me win again," he said, "and they mean well. But it means respond to treatment and that instead of thinking he will have X-rays as soon as he returns to Britain. about my good shots I always have the bad ones in Colin Montgomerie, the

my mind. It gives me so European No. 1, went round in 67. Despite a many negative ideas that heavy cold, the defending they are very difficult to champion Fred Couples overcome." In contrast, the new-look scored 69, as did Ian Woosnam, Severiano Ballesteros Montgomerie, who has lost was happy with a 71, seven more than two stone during shots better than his opena winter fitness drive, is a

mine of positive thinking. "I feel very confident, and ing round in Morocco last That score would have that is a very good start been even better but for bo-geys at the last two holes; he said after four birdies

he was in one of his Frus-trated Faldo moods became obvious at the 11th tee when he shouted out as he stood over the ball for the crowd to stand still - and then did in again as he addressed a little chip on the same hole. One of the reasons for that frustration was undoubtedly one of his playing partners, Corey Pavin. The US Open champion was hitting the ball so badly it must have been detries once being screen driving even Pavin crazy. At the 11th the American

That is true, in every sense. Faldo began as if un-

plugged, bogeying the first two holes and missing from

inside six feet on each. That

in Millau half-topped a drive and it fin-ished 40 yards behind Faldo, and at the next he skulled a mid-iron second. Even so he played the holes in one under. compared with Faldo's par many well-wishers to figures; Pavin finished at kindly desist from offering him msolicited advice. "I scarcely believable in the context of his play.

If it's not one thing, it is of course another, especially in golf. and Bernhard Langer felt the force of that truism yesterday. Having battled manfully against his latest bout of the putting yips - he consulted Leadbetter on Wednesday - the German went out yesterday and, on a perfect scoring day, took 73. "My short game has been very worrying over the last two weeks," he said. "but today it was great." And so it was, but his long game. which is usually so reliable, saw him drag a six-iron into the

water at the 11th and produce

## wet and miserable pile-up the team-mates of fast men such as Mario Cipollini and the winner of the second stage, Wilfried Nelissen, but yesterday they were either licking their wounds or strug-gling to regain the bunch. William Fotheringham

It was left to Chris Boardman's GAN team and the race leader Laurent Jalabert's ONCE squad to make the running in the lead group of 34 riders who survived the

Rookie Casagranda revels in

prang. In the end Casagranda held on by only 27sec. Jalabert, having shown himself strongest uphill in the previous two days, proved himself one of the fastest on the flat by outsprinting Boardman's team-mate Fré déric Moncassin for second place, taking a 6sec bonus to edge further ahead of the

The faces coming in behind the Frenchman were grim and grimy after what amounted to four hours in a cold shower of dirty water. "At one point I wanted to put on a second rain-jacket," said Boardman. "I had to stop bebreak would have been reined | cause I couldn't bend my in well before the finish by I arms, they were so cold."

to go just as the bunch was preparing to reel in the 22year-old Italian, who had been out front in freezing rain and bitter cold for most of a 102-mile circuit of Millau in American Lance Armstrong. the "Race to the Sun". Not only did the pile-up halt the bunch's impetus, it also brought down many of the

team-mates of the sprinters who were expecting to fight out the finish. Normally Casagranda's

**O**NE man's misfortune is another's good luck, ac-cording to an old French maxim, and no doubt the locals were muttering it yester-day here in this little town on the river Tarn in south-west France, after a high-speed crash involving almost one third of the field in the Paris-Nice handed the rookie professional Stefano Casagranda his maiden stage victory. The chute collective came on a dizzy descent with 18 miles

Cycling

our claim is continuing."

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## WORLD CUP CRICKET

Mike Selvey in Chandigarh sees Shane Warne spin Australia to victory from the jaws of defeat and into Sunday's final

# Mary P finds another bad West Indies sink in panic habit to break

USTRALIA, who refused to play Sri Lanka a month ago in Colombo, cannot facing them in the final in Lahore on Sunday after a nerve-racking victory over West Indies here last night.

Mark Taylor, the most com-plete international captain at present, manipulated his side to victory by five runs as Richie Richardson's dream of carrying the World Cup into retirement disappeared be-fore his eyes in the Mohali Stadium. Asked to make only 208 to win and go through to the final, West Indies' temperamental batsmen panicked without reason.

Three balls remained when Damien Fleming, entrusted to bowl the last over with West Indies requiring nine to win - a tie would have been sufficient because of their win over Australia in the qualifying round - best Courtney Walsh's abject lunge and clipped the top of middle stump. Richardson, helpless

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'M A Taylor b Bishop	
A T Ponting low b Ambrose	
S R Waugh b Bishop survey	
S G Law run out	1
M G Bevan & Richardson b Harper	1
ti A Healy run out	1
P R Retter run out	
S F Warne not out	
Extres (ib11, w5, nb2)	1

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TC D Browne c & b Warne
B C Lara b S R Waugh
'R B Richardson not out
R A Harper low b McGrath
O D Gibson o Healy b Warns
J C Adams low b Werne
K J Arthurton c Healy b Fleming
A Bistop ibw b Warne
CEL Ambrose run out
C A Waleh b Fleming
Extras (Ib4, w2. nb2)



Ian Bishop heads off in an embarrassed hurry after being trapped leg-before by a delighted Shane Warne You beauty PHOTOGRAPH: SHALIN BOTTERIL

first by anxiety and then by | steer them home. Instead, in | last over as Richardson, un | Michael Bevan, cautiously at | beautifully and, ominously renzy. It began with the dismissal and when he departed rapidly of Chanderpaul, who had set out to bat through the innings

leg-before to McGrath — he was followed by Otis Gibson,

wisely with hindsight, at-tempted a quick bye to the sively. put together a fifth-the second wicket partnership of 138 Lara, who had just shifted up ball, having hit the first to the which ended when Law was a gear by hitting Steve Waugh



Stephen Bierley

URING the 1964 Tokyo Olympics Mary Peters, who at tomorrow's annual meeting will take over from Arthur McAllister as presient of the British Athletic Federation, shared a room with her athletics idol Mary Rand. They barged a nail into the wall and joked about hang-ing their gold medals on it. Rand, with a long jump world record of 6.76 metres won the gold everybody had expected her to take in Rome four years earlier. In the pentathion Peters finished a won-derful fourth. A telegram arrived from the decathlete Derek Clarke: "To Mary Rand, Queen of the Naturals, and Mary Peters, Queen of the Workers". It was a message which Mary P, as she is al-ways affectionately known,

medal and a workd record in the Munich pentathlon. In the bowels of the stadium she shared a cigarette with the German Heidemarie Rosendahl, whom she had beaten by a mere 10 points. On that final nip-and-tuck day they smoked

a packet each. Mary P has stopped smoking since. Cynics might argue that joining the BAF will be enough to drive her back to it. By any standards British athletics had a rotten year in 1995. True, there were world championship medals for Jonathan Edwards, Kelly Holmes, Steve Backley and Tony Jarrett, but these successes were played out against a backdrop of contractual wrangles, fall-ing attendances, disenchante

the challenges of the next century. Here were bold, farreaching ideas, yet what everyone really wants to know is what Radford said to the world record holder Colin Jackson which prompted the hurdler to turn his back on lomestic events this year.

The BAF is not self-financing; it relies on income from sponsors and television. Yet the image the sport portrayed for much of last year was one of disorder and confusion. Internal conflict was there for all to see, and what could not he seen was immediately leaked. No wonder sponsors and TV questioned their own

It is doubtful whether any other sport in this country can match the volume of gossip that athletics generates. Stand at any bar at a domestic meet-ing and the chance of finding anybody talking about an athletic achievement is remote. Everybody will be slagging off the federation or its officials.

One of the federation's main problems, with its ruling manement board and council. is agement board and council is that far too many people are involved in the decision-mak-ing process. Not only are they a burden on finances: they contribute alarmingly to any number of internal factions and the perpetuation of petty alousie

In the not too distant future the council and management board must be pruned. In the meantime the bickering and blood-letting has to stop and a united front must be presented

HERE are plenty of land-mines ready to be trodden on this year. The Modahl case has

gone to court; a new television deal has yet to be finalised; and athletes' contracts remain unresolved More over, for all the federation's optimism about the closed Olympic trials in June and their TV audience potential, there is every possibility that the sport's medal haul in Atlanta will be no better than last year's five medals at the

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treasures to this day. Eight years later Mary P emulated Rand with a gold

with concentration boundary. The dismissal run out for 78 as they tried to high to the long-on boundary who encountered trampoline etched into his young face had done admirably in reachat the other end and desperate merely served to highlight the disaster as the last eight push the scoring in the last 10 and then cover-driving him overs. Bevan followed in the awesomely. It took a special bounce from Warne and was to regain the strike, could eemed to have edged to the wicketkeeper. It was the first wicket in a only watch in dismay. "Unbelievable really," ing 80. Had he continued play vickets fell for 37 runs. next over, driving Harper to piece of bowling to start the Until Chanderpaul's dis-nissal West Indies had been he ing in the same way the total extra cover, but Healy nursed change of direction. said afterwards. He has would have been attained. the tail while scampering 31 Waugh is known as the Ice narvellous pressure spell spoken no truer words. His But he and Richardson. from Warne, the eventual in total control of the game crucial runs. Man and once more he kept unbeaten 49 is possibly his last innings in international Man of the Match, which was mindful maybe of the threat Asked to field first, they could On this essentially true his cool when it mattered. As to bring him the further wick-ets of Adams and Ian Bishop, scarcely have expected a bet-ter start. Inside 10 overs the posed by Shane Warne to pitch the target should have the ball sped to the boundary quick scoring under pressure, decided that the bulk of the roved no problem. But West cricket. he furrowed his brow. Then West Indies had done all the Indies rely too much on Brian Australia scoreboard read 15 who apparently thinks flipper he produced the loveliest litremaining runs had to be scored rapidly. Chanderpaul's hard work and at 165 for two, with nine overs remaining is a dolphin. In between Arthurton Lara, their resurgence in the competition as much a result tle leg-cutter one ever saw. It drifted into the left-hander for four, with Mark Waugh and Ricky Ponting leg-bafore to the magnificent Ambrose of his return to form as any-thing. Now, if he played anand a sensible partnership be-tween Richardson and Shivheaved desperately and edged to Healy; as a front-line batscross-bat hoick to mid-on and opened him up like a can west Indies then got every without scoring and Taylor and Steve Waugh chopping of Heinz's finest before dartother major innings and man who had scored only one ing away, ghosting past the narine Chanderpaul already run in five World Cup innings he would have cantered a worth 72. it ought to have Bishop on to their stumps. Under the circumstances Chanderpaul tagged along for the ride, West Indies could thing wrong. Waiting in the outside edge and clipping the been plain sailing. But 51 deoff stump. It was a delivery dressing room was Jimmy Adams, a cool customer and Least Valuable Player award. liveries later it was all over as Australia's recovery was trenot fail. that deserved to win any calm reason was replaced mendous as Stuart Law and match perhaps the right man to help Ambrose was run out in the For 16 overs the pair played

sponsors and seemingly endenburg. Then what price 1997? less back-biting.

treasurer John Lister

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plaining that he had had

the BAF's executive chair-

There are, however. grounds for optimism. For O NOBODY's great surone, the international athletes prise the federation anhave formed themselves into a nounced a deficit in the cobesive body, and their talks vear ending September with the federation have 30 1995 of almost £174,000. Its borne fruit: and the Athlete Services Programme, deresigned at short notice comsigned to offer co-ordinated professional help, appears to enough of all the bickering

be making progress. What the federation now needs is somebody of charm, He warned that the sport's di losaurs were being replaced by new lumbering, anachrointelligence and resolve to lift it into a brighter, less-fraught Meanwhile Peter Radford, future. Enter Mary P - complete with hammer and nails. man, launched a consultation And nobody dare mention the document designed to address word coffin.

# Ireland's Gold Cup overflows

Paul Weaver savours the jubilation as the 9-2 second favourite Imperial Call romps to victory by four lengths at Cheltenham

N THE end the horse people and the hoarse people of Ireland had was Ireland's record-equaltheir hat-flinging, tricol-our-waving, raucous day of ecstasy as Imperial Call charged home at 9-2 to win the Gold Cup by four lengths and ignite extraordinary scenes of celebration in the

winners' circle. It was the 16th race of the Cheltenham National Hunt Festival and the 16th time the favourite failed; One Man, the handsome grey who evokes rich memories of Nicolaus Silver and Desert Orchid, and with whom a nation yearned to fall in love, was beaten into a bedraggled sixth place.

This was Ireland's 19th jumped like a buck and certainly enjoyed his afternoon Gold Cup success but their first since Jonjo O'Neill joy-He's improved every day this ously punched the air after bringing in Dawn Run 10 season and he's still improv-ing. You can put him where years ago. When Elegant Lord you like in a race, as you saw won the next race yesterday it | this afternoon."

The triumphant jockey, the 29-year-old Conor O'Dwyer, was florid and smiling, glow-ing like an advertisement for drinking chocolate. "I've never had a reception like ling seventh triumph of the annual three day meeting. This was the afternoon that One Man was beaten by one leg. Fergie Sutherland, the trainer of the seven-year-old Imperial Call and an adopted Irishman, had his left leg blown off by a Korean land-mine in 1952 and now travels unbelievable. "Cheltenham was always with three false legs - one for riding, one for shooting and another for dancing. "I haven't been to Chelter

being here. Imperial Call just travelled so well it was easy. He just strolled in and enham for 30 years and this is the only way to come back," joyed it. At seven I thought he he grinned. "He did it very stylishly. He put them in might be a bit young for this. "I was pretty worried when Richard [Dunwoody, on One their place today.

Man] came upsides me. I knew I had plenty of horse under me but I didn't know "He never made a mistake how much Richard had left. "We just had a little worry about the good ground but it did not stop him. His jumping was very good today for a rel-

good next year." So who owns Imperial Call? O'Dwyer's face screwed up with concentration. "I don't know. Oh. Blackburn, Mr Blackburn." That is David Blackmore, who runs a car

business in the Channel Islands. Sutherland paid about that and I don't think I will again," he said. "I thought \$20,000 for Imperial Call. He was impressed after seeing they were going to drag me off the horse at the end. It was him jump just one fence in doors fours years ago and put the money down after he

iumped the second. the peak for me. I dreamed of Sutherland, a 64-year-old Old Etonian, followed the fes tival's first two days on TV. 'I'd prefer to listen to the experts telling me what's happening. I don't want to go spivving about bumping into people every five yards." He comes from a wealthy

Scottish family and joined the army via Eton and Sandhurst. He moved to West Cork 29 years ago, to his mother's place on the banks of the River Lee and in the seductive shadows of the Derry-

nasageart mountains, when he trains a small team of six horses. His mother, 93, is still there. He gave up hunting only

ones." He is not unknown among

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"I was manically depressed in my twenties when I destroyed the Police, but then most bands are like that. Look at Oasis. Boys will be boys and then we have to grow up. I'm 44, but I'll take anybody on. I'll run you around the block. I'll fight you and write better songs. I'm just as competitive as I ever was."

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ative novice, so he should be

five years ago and it is said he once swam Manchester's River Irwell for a bet. "I've certainly swum a few rivers," he said, "but I forget which

British racing folk. As long ago as 1958, when he was based at Newmarket's Carlburg Stables and in his first year with a licence, he trained A.20 to win the Queen Mary Stakes at Royal Ascot. This is not the first time these green, undulating Gloucestershire hills have been colonised by the Irish. They sang "Here we go, here we go", "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" and finally

"The Banks of My Own Lovely Lee". It is the anthem of Cork and they were proba-bly singing it there too.

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as 9 may be travelling (10) 26 Frenchman, 20, half-cut e.g. 9 deserting ship? (8) 12 See me surrounded by UK 9s behind very good service Down bods (non-9s) (6) 14 Most irritable 26, one in 1 Activity that 9s should be ordeal (8) capable of - or army in the

- 15,10 The sort of toad to country (8) gossip with a 9 (10) 2 9 won't want to err in front 17 Cyril's about to supply what of the king (4) 18 will need? (6) 3 Craft of 9 inside and possibly 20 Island guy, see, foolishly 9 outside making hut (6)
- imprisoning UK 9s (8) 22 Dire message from 9 maybe in what should be calebratory time (6)

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- 6 Great armies? 11 destroyed with the passing of wars (6) 8 A poet hiding love --- that's
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- start boom swinging! (10) 16 9 (as seen repeatedly in 25) wades awkwardly to the rising sun? (8)
- 18 Attempts to gather a collection of books with 9's 80ngs (8)
- 19 Very uncommunicative type in bed below 9? (6)
- 21 Discharge nucle 9 when drunk --- awful sire to be banished (6) 22 Combined soldier-9
- confusing 12 (6)
- 24 What were found in school tables? 9's records? (4)

#### Solution tomorrow

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